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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A.D. 1919

The Synod of New York met according to the appointment of the Executive Commission, in the First Presbyterian church of Rome, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 21st, 1919, at half past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with devotional services and a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., of the Presbytery of Cayuga from Matthew 23:23. "These things ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone".

It was followed by an address by Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Synod was constituted with prayer.

Upon the report of the Permanent Committee on Registration, the following ministers and ruling elders were recognized as duly appointed delegates, and their names were entered upon the Roll of the Synod.

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Henry T. McEwen, D.D.	C. H. Gillen,
Clement G. Martin, D.D.	Charles O. Cross,
Charles B. F. Pease,	Edward A. Stewart,
George Dugan, D.D.,	J. L. Patton.
Paul Stratton,	
John R. Kay.	

II. BINGHAMTON

Arthur Burd McCormick,	Smith C. Sliter,
Aaron C. Stuart,	Francis M. Conlon.
Henry Didama Smith,	Lee M. Winans.
C. Frederick Fraser.	

III. BROOKLYN—NASSAU

Edward W. Abbey, D.D.,
Charles G. Matteson,
Daniel H. Overton, D.D.,
Samuel H. Seem,
Arthur H. Rennie,
Lynn P. Armstrong,
Tracy B. Griswold,
Frank B. Cowan.
T. H. Densmore,
Cornelius J. Bergen,
J. S. Snedaker,
B. G. Sammis,
John E. Wallace.

IV. BUFFALO

Henry Ward, D.D.,
George Storner,
Carl H. Dudley, S.T.D.,
Charles H. Stewart, D.D.,
William H. Leach,
G. Taylor Wright.
William A. Galpin,
John Smith Chittenden,
Theodore Stewart,
Benjamin Evans,
William Wahl.

V. CAYUGA

Allen M. Dulles, D.D.
Charles J. Wood,
Arthur W. Ratz.
Edward Palmer,
Emmanuel Kind,
Merritt Parkman.

VI. CHAMPLAIN

Andrew R. Kay.

VII. CHEMUNG

Robert C. Hallock, D.D.,
T. Johnson Bolger.
Frank H. Mills,
John G. Griffin.

VIII. CHILE

IX. COLUMBIA

George C. Yeisley, D.D.,
Samuel R. Warrender.
Jay D. Hopkins.

X. EASTERN PERSIA

XI. GENESEE

John D. Thomas,
Harry L. Somers,
H. W. Dyer,
J. Corwin Jacks,

XII. GENEVA

Hiram H. Kellogg,
Robert D. Merrill,
Alva V. King,
Clifford M. Crouch,
Thomas E. Rippey,
George C. Waldo.

XIII. HUDSON

Joseph McC. Leiper,
Francis M. Line,
Adrian Van Oeveren,
Edward R. Kruizenga,
Samuel F. Franklin.
Seeley Drew,
William H. Puff,
A. B. Hurtin,
Schuyler C. Pew,
Owen R. Hughes.

XIV. LONG ISLAND

James M. Denton,
Jacob Mallmann,
William Striker.
Schuyler B. Horton.

XV. LYONS

Richard J. Curnow.
Willard Pullman.

XVI. NEW YORK

Duncan J. McMillan, D.D.
James H. Hoadley, D.D.,
George S. Payson, D.D.,
Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.,
Anson P. Atterbury, D.D.,
George S. Webster, D.D.,
Robert Watson, D.D.,
William H. Matthews, D.D.,
Matthew F. Johnston, D.D.,
Harold S. Rambo.
William Thomson,
Joseph E. Messenger, M.D.,
J. Wilford Allen, M.D.,
William S. Jackson,
William K. Gilchrist,
John Wylie,
L. Farley Hovey,
Peter J. Fleck.

XVII. NIAGARA

William C. Crofts,
Walter Foss,
G. A. Papperman,
E. A. Rogers,
Albert H. Dutton,
George H. Petrie.

XVIII. NORTH RIVER

Alexander Alison, D.D.,
Ebenezer Flack, D.D.,
Parke Richards.
Isaac McKeever,
Owen J. Chandler.

XIX. NORTH SIAM

XX. OTSEGO

Henry T. Scholl, D.D.,
I. Newton Steelman,
Robert E. Schwenk.
Thomas Rich.

XXI. PORTO RICO

XXII. ROCHESTER

Amos A. Kiehle, D.D.,
Fenwick B. Fraser,
Frank W. Hill,
J. Canfield Van Doren,
Oscar D. Brownback.
James Hammond,
George Covert,
George Hubbard,
William Stokoe,
William Day.

XXIII. ST. LAWRENCE

James H. Keeling,
Robert Grant,
Elias M. Gehr.
James C. McCormick.

XXIV. SOUTH SIAM

XXV. STEUBEN

Samuel Eaton,
Frank H. Bisbee.
W. D. Sims,
L. D. Allen.

XXVI. SYRACUSE

Samuel W. Steele, D.D.,
John R. Woodcock,
Cassius J. Sargent.
Herman J. Gorke,
George L. Woodworth,
George G. Morris.

XXVII. TROY

Charles E. MacGinness,
John L. Caughey, D.D.,
George A. Armstrong,
James A. Pratt.
John T. Birge,
C. H. Carpenter,
William Hamilton.

XXVIII. UTICA

George C. Frost,
John B. Grant,
Alexander R. Barron,
Victor M. Patterson, (2).
J. Henry Balmer,
C. Wesley Lane,
Frank W. Kirkland,
Robert Gage, (2).

XXIX. WESTCHESTER

Benjamin H. Everitt,
Anthony N. Petersen,
Lester H. Bent,
Herbert B. Howe.
Walter Thomas,
Howard Whittemore,
Orson W. Sloat,
Thomas F. Hill,
Frank M. Nicholls.

Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., of the Presbytery of North River was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. Robert D. Merrill of the Presbytery of Geneva and the Rev. Walter Foss of the Presbytery of Niagara were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Philip H. Cole, D.D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presented its report and a proposed docket and recommended its adoption as the order of business subject to such changes as may be necessary, and it was so ordered.

An address of welcome was given by the Hon. H. Clayton Midlam, Mayor of the City of Rome and the Moderator made an appropriate response.

The Rev. Messrs. Anson P. Atterbury, D.D., and George Dugan, D.D., were appointed to presidė and administer the elements at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Wednesday afternoon.

After prayer and the benediction, Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Rome, N. Y., October 22, 8:45 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D.D.,

Prayer was offered and business was resumed. Delegates not previously reported, marked (2) were found present and enrolled.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Elder William Thomson of the Presbytery of New York as Vice-Moderator and the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Allen M. Dulles, Amos A. Kiehle, George Dugan, Benjamin H. Everitt, George C. Frost, Carl H. Dudley, Parke Richards, Frank W. Hill.

Elders—George C. Waldo, A. B. Hustin, Schuyler B. Horton, George Hubbard, John T. Birge, Thomas Rich, J. Henry Balmer.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Robert Watson, Henry Ward, Henry T. McEwen, George C. Yeisley, Edward W. Abbey, Alexander R. Barron, Daniel H. Overton, J. Canfield Van Doren.

Elders—William K. Gilchrist, John Smith Chittenden, Thomas F. Hill, Clifford M. Crouch, Herman J. Gorke. Willard Pullman, J. L. Patton.

3. Minutes of General Assembly:

Ministers—Ebenezer Flack, George H. Payson, Paul Stratton.

Elders—J. Wilford Allen, Robert Gage.

4. Finance:

Elders—William Thomson, Thomas E. Rippey, Frank W. Kirkland, A. H. Dutton, Isaac McKeever.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—A. C. Stewart, Lester H. Bent, James A. Pratt, Robert Grant, Robert E. Schwenk.

Elders—George W. Petrie, J. D. Hopkins, Emmanuel Kind, J. Corwin Jacks.

6. Nomination of Woman's Synodical Committee:

Ministers—Anson P. Atterbury, Clement G. Martin, Samuel W. Steele, Henry T. Scholl, John R. Woodcock.

Elders—Charles O. Cross, Edward Palmer, Benjamin Evans, Oren J. Chandler.

7. Nomination of Trustees of Synod:

Ministers—Harlan G. Mendenhall, Anthony N. Petersen, Charles E. MacGinness, Samuel Eaton, Cassius J. Sargent.

Elders—William A. Galpin, Joseph E. Messenger, C. H. Carpenter, Walter Thomas.

8. Committee to Collate Reports on Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—George S. Webster, Fenwick B. Fraser, William C. Crofts, Lynn P. Armstrong, I. Newton Steelman.

Elders—T. H. Densmore, W. A. Sims, L. Farley Hovey.

9. Committee to Nominate the Permanent Committees:

Ministers—Gustave A. Papperman, James M. Denton, S. Floyd Franklin, Andrew R. Kay.

Elders—John Wylie, William H. Puff, John G. Griffin.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Hiram H. Kellogg, Samuel R. Warrender; *Elder*—Edward Palmer.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Alva V. King, Arthur W. Ratz; *Elder*—Merritt Parkman.

3. Brooklyn-Nassau: *Ministers*—T. Johnson Bolger, John D. Thomas; *Elder*—John G. Griffin.

4. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Harry L. Somers, Arthur H. Rennie; *Elder*—J. C. Jacks.

5. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Samuel H. Seem, Elias M. Gehr; *Elder*—Cornelius J. Bergen.

6. Champlain: *Ministers*—G. Taylor Wright, John R. Kay; *Elder*—William Wahl.

7. Chemung: *Ministers*—Tracy B. Griswold, Charles G. Mattison; *Elder*—Theodore Stewart.

8. Chile: (No records).

9. Columbia: *Ministers*—Charles B. F. Pease, Charles H. Stewart; *Elder*—Charles O. Cross.

10. Eastern Persia: (No records).

11. Genesee: *Ministers*—C. Frederick Fraser, William H. Leach; *Elder*—Benjamin Evans.

12. Geneva: *Ministers*—Fenwick B. Fraser, Henry D. Smith; *Elder*—J. Henry Balmer.

13. Hudson: *Ministers*—George Storner, Herbert H. Howe; *Elder*—B. G. Sammis.

14. Long Island: *Ministers*—Samuel Eaton, John B. Grant; *Elder*—Walter Thomas.

15. Lyons: *Ministers*—Charles B. F. Pease, John R. Kay; *Elder*—C. Wesley Lane.

16. New York: *Ministers*—Lynn P Armstrong, G. Taylor Wright; *Elder*—Owen R. Hughes.

17. Niagara: *Ministers*—Adrian Van Oeversen, John R. Woodcock; *Elder*—Seeley Drew.

18. North River: *Ministers*—Charles E. MacGinness, Cassius J. Sargent; *Elder*—George L. Woodworth.

19. North Siam: (No records).

20. Otsego: *Ministers*—Matthew F. Johnston, Oscar D. Brownback; *Elder*—Peter J. Fleck.

21. Porto Rico: *Ministers*—John D. Thomas, Robert E. Schwenk; *Elder*—Owen R. Hughes.

22. Rochester: *Ministers*—John L. Caughey, William H. Matthews; *Elder*—C. H. Carpenter.

23. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—George S. Payson, Lester H. Bent; *Elder*—Howard Whittemore.

24. South Siam: (No records).

25. Steuben: *Ministers*—Arthur H. Rennie, Samuel R. Warrender; *Elder*—B. G. Sammis.

26. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Charles J. Wood, George A. Armstrong; *Elder*—Jay D. Hopkins.

27. TROY: *Ministers*—Benjamin H. Everitt, A. R. Barron; *Elder*—Frank N. Nicholls.

28. UTICA: *Ministers*—James A. Pratt, Richard J. Curnow; *Elder*—William Day.

29. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Henry T. Scholl, Harold S. Rambo; *Elder*—William Stokoe.

The Stated Clerk gave the Necrological report for the past year. The report is as follows:

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1919

NAME	PRESBYTERY	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE
Adelbert J. Schlager, D.D.,	Binghamton	Oct. 28, 1918	Binghamton, N. Y.	72
Irving E. White,	Westchester	Oct. 28, 1918	Fordham	68
Ezra J. Feuersohn,	Buffalo	Nov. 10, 1918	Phœnix, Ariz.	49
Edward J. Hamilton, D.D.,	New York	Nov. 21, 1918	Buffalo, N. Y.	84
Arthur J. Waugh, S.T.D.,	Albany	Dec. 4, 1918	Corinth, N. Y.	66
Charles J. Howell,	Syracuse	Dec. 4, 1918	Amboy, N. Y.	63
John E. Merriam,	Binghamton	Dec. 14, 1918	Port Dickinson N. Y.	63
Henry M. McCracken, D.D. LL.D.,	New York	Dec. 24, 1918	Orlando, Fla.	78
J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D.,	New York	Dec. 25, 1918	New York	60
Benjamin P. Johnson,	New York	Dec. 25, 1918	Newark, N. J.	82
S. S. Mitchell, D.D.,	Buffalo	Jan. 7, 1919	Buffalo, N. Y.	79
Alphaeus N. Andrus, D.D.,	North River	Jan. 12, 1919	Poughkeepsie N. Y.	75
F. V. D. Garretson,	New York	Feb. 15, 1919	New York	80
Adolph F. Schauffler, D.D.,	New York	Feb. 18, 1919	New York, N.Y.	74
Samuel G. Hutchinson, D.D.	New York	March 7, 1919	Chicago, Ill.	65
George L. Shearer, D.D.,	New York	March 10, 1919	Carlisle, Pa.	84
Peter J. H. Myers,	Champlain	March 19, 1919	Madison, Wis.	97
George Allan,	North River	June, 1919	Milton, N. Y.	50
James S. Moore,	Otsego	July 6 1919	Buffalo, N. Y.	58
Thomas C. Mackay,	Westchester	July 7 1919	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.	65
Joseph H. Bradley, D.D.,	New York	Aug. 19, 1919	Brooklyn, N.Y.	81
Hugh P. McAdam, D.D.,	Otsego	Aug. 22, 1919	Saugerties, N.Y.	82
Henry F. Gilt,	Rochester	Oct. 5, 1919	Rochester, N.Y.	58
David Gregg, D.D.,	Brooklyn-Nassau	Oct. 11, 1919	New York, N. Y.	73

Total number reported	24
Age of oldest minister	97
Age of youngest minister	49
Average age	71

The report was ordered placed on the Minutes of Synod and prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Ward, D.D.

On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, the following papers were referred as follows:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Binghamton relating to the appointment of a Director of Religious Education, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Utica relating to economical management of the expense accounts of the Synod, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. A Complaint to the Synod of New York from Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., against the action of Chemung Presbytery in licensing Mrs. Lillian Herrick Chapman to preach the gospel, was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Trustees of Synod, Mr. John T. D. Blackburn, Secretary, presented the following report for the year closing September 30, 1919, which was approved. One meeting has been held.

The officers of the Board are: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., president; Edwin T. Hanford, treasurer; John T. D. Blackburn, secretary.

The invested funds in the hands of the Trustees total $28,394.32, the same as last year. The balance on hand October 1, 1919, is $398.46. The total expenses for the year have been $23.87 to which should be added $50 for the premium on the Bond of the Treasurer.

Of the income $1300 has been paid to Varian Banks, Treasurer of Home Missions toward the salary of those in charge of work for foreign people and $26 to the same treasurer toward the salary of the pastor of the Italian Mission of the First Church of Schenectady, N. Y., a total of $1326.

The income of $250 from the Catherine Roseboom legacy has been paid as before, to the Trustees of the Church of Cherry Valley, N. Y.

Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., was requested to publish the sermon he preached to the Synod last evening.

The Committee appointed to revise Rule IX as to Standing Committees (see Minutes of Synod 1917–18 pp. 36 and 38 recommended the addition of the following Clause No. 11.

"The Standing Committees shall ordinarily consist:

(1) "For Bills and Overtures" and "Judicial Business" of three ministers and two elders.

(2) The other committees shall ordinarily consist of two ministers and one elder except that the Committee on the records of the Presbyteries (No. 8) shall consist of as many members as shall be found necessary to examine the records.

Also that No. 10 be amended so as to read: Such permanent Committees to consist each of three ministers and two elders.

The recommendations were adopted and Standing Rule IX was thus amended.

Rev. R. F. Roberts of the Welsh Church, Rome, Rev. H. H. Peabody, of the Rome Baptist Association, and Rev. Richard C. Hughes, D.D., of the Synod of Wisconsin, being present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee on Men's Work, Rev. Carl W. Scovel, Chairman, offered its report and after an address by Rev. Charles H. McDonald, D.D., it was accepted and the following recommendations were approved:

The principal features of the report are as follows:

The organization of Church Men for religious work is steadily increasing. It is in harmony with the unionizing of the laboring men which has become a momentous fact in the Commercial World.

The Modern Age suggests to the church a closer fraternization of all denominations, a closer fellowship, sympathy in council and determination of effort on the part of all the men of a congregation. Your Committee does not insist on any one form. It may be a large Men's Bible Class, a Men's Club as well as the ideal Brotherhood. But it should win all your men to social acquaintance and united effort for Church improvement for local and National reforms and for Bible Study.

The General Assembly's Men's Work under the tactful, inventive and aggressive leadership of the Secretary Dr. William F. Weir is annually growing in its influence its amount of helpful literature, and in its support. However we regret that the Synod of New York falls behind Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois in giving to this great cause. Only $353.94 was contributed to this work by only 29 of our 934 churches.

We urge our churches to heartily support this great task of arousing the church. A much more extended work is planned for this year with new officers and secretaries in New York City and Chicago.

We recommend:

1 The organization of all the men in each church that they may be ready on all kinds of aggressive religious activities.

2. The appointment by each presbytery of a key-man to promote these organizations and keep a careful list of their presidents and secretaries.

3. That a much more generous offering be given this year to this most important work.

Rev. Charles McKenzie, D.D., presented the report on Foreign Missions which was approved after an address by Rev. Ernest F. Hall, D.D., and its recommendations were adopted, save the last which was referred to the Committee on Finance. The summary of the report is as follows:

Foreign Missions have come through the war with a record of which the church may well be proud. Eighteen of our 27 missions are in lands which were directly involved in the war. Some of our missionaries were imperilled by the violence of fighting men. Other missionaries were endangered by mobs. Others suffered from pestilence and famine. Millions of money and tons of food contributed by the generous people of our land were distributed by foreign missionaries,our own missionaries practically doing all the work in Persia and Syria. We hear much of, and honor greatly our soldiers of the army, but let us honor highly the soldiers of the Cross—few scattered, isolated, poorly equipped, in hot and unhealthy climates, far from home and its privileges not for a campaign, but as a life-work.

And still their work was wonderfully successful under all the circumstances.

And yet, in spite of large encouragements, the year has been one of grave financial anxieties and of increased responsibilities. The home churches indeed did not fail. Their gifts for Foreign Missions were greater than ever before. The difficulty has been precipitated by the fact that the character of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions has caused expenditures which, from the nature of the case, did not fall upon the agencies whose work is in the United States. Not only did the Board have to meet the higher cost of living, as agencies everywhere did, but it had to pay heavily increased charges for ocean freight and transportation, the restoration of damaged property, loss in exchange, and enlarged Missionaries' salaries. The cost of conducting a given work has increased on the foreign field as well as at home. In Turkey sugar is a dollar a pound and flour $90 a barrel; in Syria, bread is $5.75 for a five pound loaf; in Colombia, tea is $2 a pound, milk 35 cents a quart, potatoes $11 a bushel; in Persia, wheat is $30 a bushel and rice is 50 cents a pound. For ten years prior to the war we could buy a Chinese dollar at an average rate of 47 cents. It now costs 80 cents. At one time it rose to 98 cents. To give our devoted Missionaries the same number of native coins that they had before the war, would about cut their salaries in two and leave them to deal unaided with the increased cost of living. Of course, the Board is not leaving them unaided. When the Church sends devoted, consecrated men and women to distant lands we know that it proposes to stand by them. Therefore, in spite of the anxiety of the financial situation, the Board relieved the Missionaries of the

loss of exchange in the fields where it was heaviest, and made increases in salaries of from 10 to 20 per cent, this loss for China alone having amounted to $104,000, this year in excess of the loss that was anticipated at the beginning of the year. A special expenditure in the Syria Mission, compelled them to spend $298,037 more than their ordinary budget, and this heavy burden has been necessarily thrown upon the Board. For the new fiscal year, the Board had to take into consideration not only this deficit, but the fact that the Missions were compelled to ask for an increased grant in view of the fact that they can not keep their schools and hospitals open on the former budget and that the Missionaries and native helpers cannot live on the former basis. Therefore, relying upon the response of the church to the appeal of the Foreign Missionaries and the special presentation of the New Era Movement, with the conviction that the Board dared not assume the responsibility of reducing the appropriations of the Missions, and that the church did not intend to cripple the work that has been built by the toil of devoted Missionaries, the Board has guaranteed a total budget of $2,600,000. With the deficits and special obligations reported from China and Syria which must be met, the total needs of the Board for the year will be $3,220,536. This sum looks formidable, but anything less would mean retreat, and that, too, at a time when the summons of God to advance was never more imperative and the opportunity never so splendid.

The obligation that is upon us is one that challenges every atom of energy that we possess and tries the material out of which our faith has grown. What cannot be done, must be done. The war has shown us the way. It exposed some of the worst passions of which the human race is possessed. It also discovered some of the finest qualities that man is capable of exercising. Now that peace is in the way of being settled, what shall become of all these splendid characteristics? Swords must be beaten into ploughshares. Energies that have been devoted to further the cause of war must now be converted into forces that work for the good of the race.

We would stress the following important matters and recommend them for adoption by Synod.

1. That in view of the extraordinary situation arising out of war conditions the Churches resort to extraordinary measures to make up the huge deficit carried over from last year and the necessarily increased appropriations made out for the current year which are much less than the demand from the field would have warranted being made.

The pastors be urged to secure as far as possible in their congregations the names and addresses of persons who are able and who might desire to invest money with the Board on the Annuity Plan, to bring this plan to their attention, and to send the names with information to the Board.

That pastors be urged to direct the attention of well-to-do people in their congregations to the importance of remembering the Board of Foreign Missions in their wills.

The Committee heartily approves the plan of contributions to specific work from Sunday Schools and individual donors.

2. We urge that all Chairmen especially cover in their reports to Presbyteries the work of their respective areas and that they conduct an aggressive all-year program to meet the insistent demand of the day.

We recommend that the Foreign Mission Committee cooperate along lines with the New Era Movement Committee, and that they adapt the functional program to the organization plans of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We rejoice in the splendid achievement of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and desire thoroughly to cooperate with them in carrying out their splendid plans in our churches.

3. We urge our Churches to adopt as far as possible the full educational program offered by the Board. A School of Missions should have most prominent place in our calendar for this year. Whether the method of Missionary study in prayer meeting or at the Sunday Evening services be followed, or that of setting apart a certain part for continuous and concerted study in all of the organizations of the church, or whether some other method better adapted to local conditions be looked upon as a most sacred obligation.

Furthermore in order to secure the adoption in all of our Churches of a program more adequate to meet the necessities of this hour, we are planning to hold a conference of all the Presbyterial Chairmen of the entire Synod and for this purpose we request the grant by Synod of the sum of Two Hundred dollars to make this possible.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions presented its report which was distributed. Addresses were made by Rev. U. L. Mackey and Thomas H. Dinsmore, Ph.D., looking especially to the increase of ministers' salaries.

The following resolutions of the report were adopted:

1. That the report of the Permanent Committee of Synodical Missions be received and when adopted made a portion of the Minutes of Synod.

2. That the action of the Permanent Committee in April, 1919, approving the budget containing appropriations for Synodical Home Missions in the State for the twelve months, beginning July 1, 1919, together with balances of July 1, 1919, in detail as follows, be and hereby is approved:

For Workers commissioned by Presbyteries	$47,593.07
For Workers Commissioned by Synod:	
Synodical Syperintendent	4,456.68
Foreign Work	3,830.78
Adirondack Work	6,513.96
Church Extension	4,455.04
Administration Expenses	2,361.81
Publicity	681.00
Emergency	9,925.00
	$79,817.34

3. That the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to prepare and file with the Board of Home Missions a budget for its work for the year beginning July 1, 1920, the same to be presented in due course to the Synod of 1920 for its consideration and approval.

4. That the election of G. P. Conard as Chairman of the Permanent Committee for a term of two years be approved.

5. That the election of U. L. -Mackey as Synodical Superintendent for a term of two years be approved.

6. That the election of DeWitt C. Hurd and G. P. Conard as members of the Permanent Committee for a term of three years be approved. and that J. L. Patton be elected to serve the unexpired term of W. S. Bennett.

7. That the Executive officers of the Committee be authorized to make such arrangements with the New Era Committee of the Assembly for Co-operative Work through out the Synod as in its judgment may seem wise and in harmony with this resolution that the arrangement for the joint engagement of the Rev. A. M. Forrester to serve as Pastor-at-large representing Committees on Home Missions and the New Era in the Presbyteries of Binghamton and Otsego be approved.

8. That Chairman G. P. Conard be appointed a representative of this Synod in the Home Mission Council in connection with the General Assembly of 1920 and that in the event of his inability to attend he be and is authorized to appoint an alternate.

9. That the action of the chairman in accepting the resignation of Rev. H. S. Huntington, Jr., releasing him to engage in the work of the Interchurch World Movement be approved.

10. That the services of H. S. Huntington, Jr., from May 13, 1918 to May 27, 1919 with the Red Cross in Syria, and the Rev. A. J. Dean from June 27, 1918 to July, 1919 with the Y. M. C. A. in France, both of them members of the Synodical field force, be made a matter of the records of Synod.

11. That the action of the chairman in assigning the Synodical Superintendent to the State Survey Work in connection with the Interchurch World Movement be approved on the arrangement as set forth in the body of this report.

12. That the action of the Superintendent in securing as Assistant Superintendent for a period of six months beginning October 1, 1919, Rev. John B. Kelly who serves in this capacity without expense to the Synod or this Committee be approved.

13. That the Synod approves the appointments of the Committee on Adirondack Work as follows:

(a). That we request each Presbytery having interest in the Adirondack lumber camp work, to appoint one of its members who with Mr. Maddox will serve as a Committee on Adirondack Work. This Committee will be expected

to take up and consider any changes in the present plan of work, meet with and advise the Secretary from time to time as to the conduct of the work, and receive a report which can be passed on to the presbyteries once a year, so that they may be fully advised as to the nature and extent of the Lumber Camp Mission.

(b). In view of the Interchurch World Movement and its projected survey that the presbyteries should offer to provide such religious services for the unchurched portion of the Adirondack field as the Interchurch Committees judge will be adequate for the religious needs of those communities.

(c). The unification of the entire work in the Adirondacks seems not to be feasible but it is the judgment of the Committee that we should recommend to the Synod's Committee that the services of Mr. Maddox in co-operation with the Committee proposed above, should be offered to the presbyteries for such supervision of Churches and preaching stations within the bounds of the respective presbyteries as in their judgment would be of the best service to their work.

14. That we should continue by every judicious effort to combine the work of churches in sparsely settled communities so that ministers may have work somewhere near adequate to their strength and support that will meet their needs and to this end the authority of presbyteries should be exercised wherever necessary.

15. That whereas the foundations of our free country are threatened by some foreign-born emigrants who swell the ranks of the lawless and irreligious in our land, we lay upon the churches and members of this Synod the pressing duty of proclaiming Jesus Christ, as Savior and Master to the foreign colonies at our doors and of leaving no stone unturned to bring them into full citizenship in America and in the household of God.

16. In view of the fact that the Metropolitan district in all its relationships is not merely a vital influence and factor, but also a national and world influence and factor, therefore its religious influence and well being cannot be received as merely of local or state concern but is of vital and immediate national and world importance, *therefore be it resolved*, that Synod's Committee on Home Missions be and hereby is authorized to co-operate with other established church agencies in the more efficient co-ordination and prosecution of Home Mission activity in the Metropolitan district.

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Committee on Home Missions offered its report which was accepted. The persons named were appointed and their names were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The report of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions was presented. It was accepted and its substance is as follows:

Last year owing to the prevailing epidemic, the meeting could not be held and was a disappointment, but the work through the year has been well maintained.

The reports show an increase of societies, now 656 and 798 additional members secured. There seems to have been a loss of subscriptions for the *Home Mission Monthly* and of *Over Sea and Land.*

The work among the young people is not encouraging.

How to interest the "rising" generation is a serious problem today. We are forced to the conclusion that there must be some defect in the home, upon which rests the responsibility of nurturing and teaching the children.

In 1917–1918 our Synodical Society contributed to Home Missions and to its Freedmen's Department $97,513.50. The past year we report $95,636.28 nearly two thousand dollars less than the year before. We rejoice that the deficiency is no greater and we hope for a better report this year. The New Era Movement has met with a cordial response in many societies. In closing this brief summary we would echo the words of the Apostle Paul as we appeal to you, Fathers and Brethren, "Help us women laboring with you in the Gospel."

May all Christians everywhere feel that personal service in Christ's name and for His sake is the only service, which shall christianize and evangelize our land.

The following action was taken:

"The Synod of New York in session at Rome, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1919, regrets to learn of the continued illness of our President the Hon. Woodrow Wilson and to place on record our sincere sympathy for him and expresses our earnest prayer for his speedy recovery."

It is ordered that this resolution be signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk and telgeraphed to the President.

ALEXANDER ALISON, *Moderator,*
J. WILFORD JACKS, *Stated Clerk.*

In connection with this action, prayer was offered by Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.

The Committee on Judicial Business, presented the following report:

The Committee on Judicial Business found the complaint against the action of Chemung Presbytery in licensing Mrs. Lillian H. Chapman to preach the Gospel, in order, and recommend that the matter be referred to a Judicial Comsion for trial, said Commission to be appointed by the Moderator. The recommendation was adopted and the Moderator constituted the Judicial Committee as the Judicial Commission in the case.

A recess was then taken until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

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Prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The Committee to nominate the Trustees of Synod reported and the following persons who were recommended were duly elected by ballot:

For the terms expiring in 1921: Rev. Francis S Haines, Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach, William Thomson, Frederick B. Post.

For the terms expiring in 1922: Rev. Robert Watson, D.D., Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., *Elders*—William K. Gilchrist, William H. Seward.

Rev. Arthur Newman then addressed Synod in the interest of the American Bible Society. In this connection it was ordered that the Synod urge each church within its bounds to contribute annually to the treasury of the American Bible Society.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That in view of the imperative demands made by the advanced cost of living, presbyteries are urged to the immediate consideration of and action upon the status of pastoral support within their bounds, as recommended by the last General Assembly.

That to effect a positive result, we recommend, that presbyterial authority be exercised in refusing the installation of a pastor, when a field has failed in its call to provide for the minimum salary set by presbytery and to take such steps to secure an increase to such minimum where present salaries are below the mark. That the Synodical Committee on Home Missions be instructed through its co-operation in the Interchurch Census or by other agencies to secure a report from the Moderator or Stated Clerk, of each presbytery, detailing the result of such presbyterial effort to attain this aim, such results to be presented to the next Synod for consideration.

The Committee on Religious Education presented its report through Rev. Herbert H. Field, An address was made by Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, D.D. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted save the last which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The summary of the report and its recommendations are as follows:

There is a rather serious condition that we are facing in our Sunday School work to which Synod's attention should be directed. The announcement has been made by the Council of Evangelical Churches that 271,712 pupils have been lost

in Sunday School membership in the last year. The loss in our own denomination is more than 40,000. No one can question the seriousness of the situation. The falling off is real and ominous and the Church should know the facts. There are some who would have it otherwise. They would not "frighten" the people with alarming statements. Better to trespass on their feelings than to betray a righteous cause through silence. The spirit of America is to have the truth. We must respect that spirit always, for it is one of our finest possessions. So if the Sunday School condition is serious let the people know about it. The Sunday School belongs to the people. But we must not stop with merely announcing that the Sunday School situation is serious. We must go to the limit in discovering the means for improvement. We must go to the root of the malady and there effect a cure. Unless we do, the present serious situation will be repeated and that, next year. The fact is we have a real and deep-seated problem to solve and the solution is not so easy a matter as may appear offhand. Considered in its entirety, our task is something more than bringing back strayed pupils and filling the places of absent teachers. The Sunday School has before it right now a new field of work. We have at hand a construction period that challenges our best thought and effort, and be assured if we do not accept the challenge, the Church will be woefully handicapped. Never have we had such splendid opportunities to make our Christian education real and faithful. Can it be that after all, right there is the measure of the seriousness of the situation? Not so much what we have lost but what we have to gain should occupy our minds. We must be thoroughgoing in our procedure. We must seek for those causes fundamental to the present condition and, finding them, apply our energies to removing them.

Your Committee is agreed (a) That our Sunday School work must be put on a sound educational basis. The fundamental principle is that the Sunday School is a *school*.

The supreme aim is the continuous development of the religious nature. Every school, therefore, should grade the pupil according to the plan of departmental organization and introduce the graded lessons and annual promotions. These lessons are grounded on educational ideals. The child is a developing being and needs religious nurture suited to his growing capacities. Let the Church realize that it takes *time* as well as *effort* to develop a Christian character.

(b) It becomes more apparent each year that trained teachers in our Sunday Schools are an absolute necessity. An opportunity must be provided the present staff to become better prepared for its work.

Such a school should be conducted in every village and city. Each church must also begin to insure a future supply of able workers by starting their choicest young people on training courses. We have "trusted the Lord" to supply our needs, especially the need of teachers, as though that were a matter wholly without the sphere of our responsibility. One neglect of teacher training has done much to produce the present Sunday School slump.

The teacher must know in whom she believes. There must be no doubt in her mind and heart about the imperative need of consecration to God. She must be

as loyal to the Christian ideal as was Christ himself—put it first always. Christ must be real to her. The Sunday School must produce *Christians* in order to justify its existence—boys and girls, young men and women, adults, too, who are purposed to serve God and man as did our Lord. The business of the teacher is to "warm" the pupil's life into responsiveness to that purpose. We cannot "hold" our boys and girls unless we are warmly evangelistic. Surely our great Sunday School should prayerfully undertake the goal set by the New Era Movement of the Board and add each year, for the next five years, two hundred thousand pupils to the enrollment and multitudes to unite with the Church.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Synod's attention be called to the appalling loss in Sunday School membership during the past year, the loss in our denomination being 40,000, with the hope that Synod will advise all Presbyteries to launch campaigns to stem this outward tide in our schools.

2. That in view of this serious situation we heartily endorse the plan of the Board to launch a church-wide effort to keep the attendance of the Sunday School above an average of seventy per cent of enrollment.

3. That the Board's New Era Program of Religious Education, including Teacher Training, Missionary Instruction, Vocational Guidance, Family Altar, Daily Vacation Bible School, should have wide acceptance and should be promoted by all our churches and schools.

4. That Summer Schools of Methods, such as conducted at Pocono Pines, Auburn Seminary and Stony Brook, be given even more generous promotion in each Presbytery than before.

5. That Presbyteries urge Young People's organizations to adopt the Board's Young People's New Era Program.

6. In order that the Committee may be given the opportunity to advance constructive measures by conferences, etc., the sum of $300 be asked.

Rev. Henry K. Grose of the Synod of Illinois and Rev. Harold L. Bowlby of the Synod of New Jersey, being present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., Chairman, offered its report which was accepted. Rev. H. L. Bowlby was given five minutes to address the Synod in this connection.

The report was approved and its recommendations were adopted.

The substance of the report is as follows:

The six societies within the bounds of this Synod, engaged in the cause of Sabbath Observance, which were particularly described in the report of this Committee last year, have continued in the service during the year now on review. They have all felt the effect of the war now happily closed.

Your Committee has loyally obeyed Synod's instructions in guarding, to the best of its ability, Sabbath interests in the legislature.

About the usual number of adverse bills were introduced in the New York legislature last winter. For the sixteenth time in annual succession, the bill popularly known as the "Jew" bill was introduced. It would permit Jews and other Seventh-day people to do business on Sunday. This was the most alarming of the adverse bills, inasmuch as it fixed no limits to the kinds of business that might be carried on nor to the number of hours. The Jew firms under that bill might have Christian partners and thus do business seven days in the week. Christian firms would be compelled in self-defence to take Jew partners for the same purpose and the whole sabbath would be gone for it would be wide open all over the State for all kinds of business, traffic, manufactures and sports. The bill has formidable support and came dangerously near passing. The fight against it was successful, and the bill was defeated.

The baseball and moving picture bills were not so important, since they applied only to two or three lines of business and would give them only the hours after 2 P. M. on Sundays. But they were widely advertised and attracted more general attention. "The opposition to these bills, *The Evening Post* says, "was not as well organized as in previous years," and the bills were passed. This was the first defeat that the Sabbath cause has ever met in defensive legislation.

These bills, however, did not repeal the old laws. They only authorized the Council of each city and the Governing Board of each village to permit the playing of all sorts of baseball on Sunday and to permit moving pictures by those who have been exhibiting them in defiance of the law, to continue their Sunday exhibitions. The moving picture exhibitors who had observed the law were penalized to the extent of having to apply to the City Council or village Governing Board for permission to exhibit on Sunday.

Thus the legislature has sidestepped its duty in passing bills prohibiting baseballs and movies on Sunday or permitting them. The bills are clearly compromises, and the final solution is left to the municipalities.

In effect, the proposed law prohibits Sunday baseball as a public sport in one paragraph, yet in the next paragraph each and every municipality of the State is permitted to nullify the legislative prohibition.

This is wrong from every standpoint. It must be determined by the legislature as to what is lawful on Sunday, and by no other governing body. Among all our laws, there is no similar statute found.

General Rule: "The proposition that by our Constitution general powers of legislation are conferred exclusively upon the legislature and that this body may not escape its duties and responsibilities by delegating such legislative powers

to the people at large, must be regarded as so thoroughly established that it needs no discussion." People v. Kennedy, (1913) 207 N. Y., 533, 154 App. Div. 558.

There are two periodicals devoted exclusively to the cause of Sabbath Observance; *The Bulletin* published by the New York Sabbath Committee, and *The Leader* published by the Lord's Day Alliance.

The Lord's Day Alliance publishes a list of 29 titles of standard and permanent literature.

The list of the New York Sabbath Committee's publications contains 100 titles. One of the late additions to this list is a booklet of 34 pages entitled "The Sabbath in Army and Navy," containing Sabbath Orders of Presidents and Army and Navy Officers from Washington to Daniels, which has passed through several editions and been distributed not only through the army and navy, but all over our country and in parts of many foreign countries. It has been translated into the French and Chinese languages by scholars in France and China. The New York Sabbath Committee possesses a valuable library of 250 volumes on the Sabbath.

The cheering results of efforts sustained through many years under the divine blessing in the recovery of our Sabbath from its former neglect, the enactment and enforcement of adequate Sunday laws and their successful defense through thirty-six legislatures, and the maintenance of a Sabbath-keeping regime in our army and navy under the auspices of our National Administration and the help of our popular General-in-chief, whose orders have been distributed through army, navy and military camps, furnish a vantage ground for the Sabbath cause which we cannot afford to lose.

It may be doubted whether the Sunday question ever stood before the country in more prominent aspects, and in a light more forcibly inviting and compelling than at present. Certainly no previous period has made more imperative demand for the conservation of this institution, and revealed more clearly how it underlies and is vital to our system of self government.

No cause suffers more severely on the one hand by neglect, and on the other hand by indiscretion, than that of the Sabbath. A community or state may lapse into the grossest habits of Sabbath profanation through the timidity or indifference of its friends and through ill-digested, spasmodic efforts at reform which tends to increase the evil But with the traditions, the customs and the laws of the land as defences of the rights of citizens, and with reverence for the sacred character of the institution pervading the community or state, no practical reform is more feasible than that for the proper observance of the Sabbath, if wisely and patiently prosecuted. Every enlightened conscience, if awakened, will take the side of the Sabbath. All men, unless wedded to vice and folly, concede its social, sanitary and humane benefits, and may be induced to favor the restraint necessary to its enforcement.

In the cities of this and all other states, a large and increasing number of business men are turning to the Sabbath as a necessity. Butcher and barber associa-

tions are using their influence to enforce a better observance of Sabbath closing. Florists, funeral directors and undertakers are advocating Sunday closing ordinances, and, anticipating the enactment of such ordinances, are, in many cases closing on Sundays. This growing movement may be actuated more by business and sanitary considerations than religious sentiments, but in common with the United Cigar Stores Company, who have adopted Sunday closing, and the directors of the shoe shining parlors, many of whom are doing the same, they realize the need of a weekly rest day, and out of respect for religion they desire their rest day to fall on the Holy Sabbath.

There are many evidences that we have reached a more general and growing recognition of the civil and religious claims of the Sabbath. And we have attained a vantage ground of an awakened public conscience that we cannot afford to lose by indifference, or trifle with by neglect.

It is only when its civil and religious claims are confounded and men are made to believe that the religious observances of the Sabbath is to be constrained by law, that they oppose the requisite legal protection of the rights of the communities and of citizens to their quiet Sabbaths. Let it be distinctly understood that Sunday laws are enacted and enforced solely in the interest of good order and public morals, and for the protection of inalienable rights,—while the religious observance of the day is left to the voluntary promptings of the conscience enlightened by the Word of God, and prejudice will be disarmed, and the power of opposition broken.

It is evident that the public is not out of sympathy with Sabbath Observance.

The problems of Sabbath Observance are more widely and variously discussed than ever before. The secular press of the entire country has given unusual attention to the Sabbath question. Editorials and contributed articles have kept the subject before the eyes of the people, arousing the apathetic and the indifferent to active effort for or against Sabbath Observance. We now have a more intelligent idea of the mind of the people on the nature of the Sabbath and its claims for observance. While our opponents have been more perfectly organized during the past year, our friends have been more thoroughly aroused. Requests for literature and information have been more frequent.

We recommend:

1. That Presbyteries be urged to arrange for public meetings in the interest of this great cause and that they give these societies assurances of their hearty sympathy and co-operation.

2. That those who are willing to co-operate with the efforts in the legislature for the protection of the Sabbath against adverse bills be advised to communicate with those who are in charge of Sabbath interests in the Legislature in good time, so that our efforts in the future may not be futile in any case.

3. That pastors and elders be requested to become acquainted with their Senators and Assemblymen and to use their personal influence for all moral legislation.

4. That pastors, churches and individuals be urged to extend their co-operative and financial support to the societies that are devoted to the Sabbath cause.

5. That the Synod most earnestly appeals to the Congress of the United States to enact wholesome laws for the protection of the Sabbath in the District of Columbia.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN J. MCMILLAN,
Chairman.

The following action was taken:

In view of the terrific attacks upon our Christian Sabbath by powerful organizations which have in a measure successfully invaded our State Legislature, having secured the enactment of a commercial Sunday motion picture law, and a professional and amateur baseball Sunday law, with admission fee,—the local governing official body approving,

Resolved, That the Synod of New York commends the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States for its untiring efforts, in defence of the Lord's Day, its purpose to secure the repeal of the above laws and to prevent further adverse amendments to the State Sunday laws; that in order to make its work the more successful, in line with the recommendation of the General Assembly, May 19, 1919, we request our churches, which have not already provided, for it to set apart a substantial apportionment of their benevolent moneys for this Cause and send the same to George M. Thomson, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Resolved, That we commend to all our churches—so far as such can be made practicable, the sending of delegates to the 31st Annual Convention of the Lord's Day Allinace of the United States, to be held in Washington, D. C., December 11–14, 1919.

Rev. J. Lyon Caughey, D.D., presented a report in connection with the New Era Movement which was accepted and the following action was taken:

(1) *Whereas* the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1918, appointed a New Era Committee to arouse the Church to a keener sense of its obligations in the new day:

(2) *Whereas* the experience of the New Era Movement during its first year has shown results to which all the departments of our denomination give approving testimony, churches by the hundred having been quickened and our denomination having assumed a most prominent place among the leading churches of today.

(3) *Whereas* the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., meeting in St. Louis, Mo., last May received with great enthusiasm the report of the First Year's Work of the New Era Movement, acknowledging its achievements, re-affirming its endorsement of the New Era Movement, continuing its

Committee, recognizing the need and importance of the work and commending thereby its purposes to the entire church and

(4) *Whereas*, the Synod of New York was hindered in holding its regular meeting of last year, owing to the nation-wide epidemic of influenza, thereby preventing any action being taken relative to the New Era Movement.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Synod of New York in its present meeting in the city of Rome do hereby place on record its hearty endorsement of the New Era Movement and commend it to the several churches within our bounds and at the same time appeal to our ministers and laymen to co-operate as fully as possible in carrying out the program of the movement with its great Five Year Objectives.

The following Committee on the Work was appointed: Rev. John L. Caughey, D.D., and Elders Philip Ritter of Brooklyn and William A. Hubbard of Rochester.

A resolution looking to the financing of the Work was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Synod then engaged in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Moderator presided and conducted the services assisted by Rev. Anson P. Atterbury, D.D., and Rev. George Dugan, D.D.

The following ruling Elders of the local church served in the distribution of the elements, A. A. Gillette, M.D., W. W. Parry, Judge R. C. Briggs, Prof. George R. Staley, Frederick M. Orton, Albert E. Jones.

Recess was taken until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 1919, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Home Missions and the New Era Movement.

The Rev. William H. Foulkes, D.D., Secretary of the New Era Movement was the first speaker and was followed by Rev. John McDowell, D.D., a Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

After singing "America" and the Apostolic Benediction Synod adjourned to meet at 8:45 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THURDSAY, October 23, 1919, 8:45 o'clock A. M.

Synod convened and spent half an hour in devotional exercises led by the Rev. Gustave A. Papperman.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Judicial Commission reported as follows:

In the matter of the licensing of Mrs. Lillian Herrick Chapman by the Presbytery of Chemung on September 24, 1918.

The above entitled matter was referred by the Synod of New York to the duly appointed Judicial Commission of the Synod, the appeal having been made by Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., of that Presbytery.

The commission convened at 1:45 P. M., and after hearing the Appellant and the Respondent, and after full open discussion, the following are the Findings of the Judicial Commission:

1. That the action of the Presbytery of Chemung, as set forth in the complaint and conceded by the respondent was of such irregularlity as to demand the rescinding of the said action by the Synod; and in addition the Synod here instructs the Presbytery of Chemung to withdraw the license granted by said Presbytery to Mrs. Lillian Herrick Chapman.

2. The Judicial Commission would remind the Presbytery of Chemung, that there is an orderly way of securing a change in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church and that by Overture to the General Assembly; and we would counsel the Presbytery of Chemung to proceed in accordance with this orderly method.

The Synod directed the placing of the decision upon its records.

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting reported that a very cordial invitation had been received by the Synod to hold its next meeting in the First Church of Binghamton, N. Y., and recommended that it be accepted. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported recommending that the minutes be carefully read by all the ministers, and the recommendation was approved.

An Overture relating to the Ordination of Women, and resolutions referring to the League of Nations were received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Finance presented its report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. The Committee would recommend that an appropriation of $200 be paid to the local church at Rome toward the expense incident to the entertainment of the Synod.

2. That an appropriation of $20 be made to the janitor of the First Presbyterian Church and $10 to the janitor of the Baptist Church of Rome, N. Y.

3. That an appropriation of a sum not to exceed $300, be granted to the Committee on Religious Education to be used to advance constructive measures by Conferences.

4. That a sum not to exceed $300 be granted to the New Era Movement to defray the expenses of the Synod's representatives getting together.

5. That a sum not exceeding $200 be granted to the Foreign Missions Committee to defray the expenses of the Chairmen of the various presbyteries to and from the places of meetings.

6. Your Committee would recommend that the assessments of the coming fiscal year be fixed at six mills per communicant as before.

7. That the sum of $59 be granted to the Executive Commission to defray the expenses of its meeting in 1918.

8. We call attention to the following communication received from the Presbytery of Utica and referred to your Committee, but suggest no action:

"In view of the greatly increased contributions of the churches for missions and other activities of the church, and recognizing that the increase may, without intention on the part of its disbursements lead to minor extravagances in expense accounts, the Presbytery of Utica respectfully recommend that extreme care be taken in checking and auditing expense accounts, and further that payment for travelling expenses, refreshments, meals, or entertainments furnished in connection with Committee meetings, conferences, etc., be limited to the smallest possible amounts consistent with dignity and comfort, and also that members of Committees who are willing and able to pay their own expenses in connection with Committee Meetings, conferences, etc., be encouraged to do so, to the end that every dollar available be used in the most direct missionary, educational and evangelistic work possible.

9. Your Committee would report that they have examined the books, vouchers and bank books of the Treasurer and are pleased to state that the same are correct as per vouchers on file and that the balance in the bank as reported by the Treasurer is $1,438.18 and $1000 in Liberty Bonds.

The Treasurer's report in detail is as follows for the year ending October 1, 1919:

RECEIPTS

Amount on hand as per last report, Oct. 1, 1918		$855.99
From Presbyteries due 1918	$188.21	
From Presbyteries due 1919	1,162.89	
From interest on special deposit	14.38	
From interest on Liberty Bonds	42.50	$1,407.98
		$2,263.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing and postage, Stated Clerk	$ 34.88	
Minutes of Synod and postage on same	222.68	
Committee on Religious Education	13.23	
Salary—Stated Clerk	400.00	
Salary—Permanent Clerk	150.00	
Expenses of Treasurer	5.00	
		$825.79
Cash on hand		$1,438 18
Liberty Bond		1,000 00
		$2,438.18
Due from Presbyteries		232.77
Total Assets		$2,670 95
Syracuse, 1918 Assessment	$62.58	
Assessment, 1919		
Buffalo	$100.66	
Genesee	21.60	
Geneva	34.27	
Porto Rico	13.56	
		$232.77

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were severally adopted:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Binghamton relating to the appointment of a Director of Religious Education:

It is recommended that the following action be taken,

Whereas, the General Assembly in 1913 created a department of Religious Education and entrusted the same to the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work with instructions to organize and promote vigorously this work;

Resolved, That the General Assembly be asked to take measures to inquire into the attitude of the Board and its efficiency in relation to and respect to the matter of religious Education as committed to the Board.

2. The following paper offered on the floor of Synod was referred to your Committee. The Synod of New York being deeply impressed with the importance of the work of Religious Education of our youth within the bounds of the Synod hereby directs the Executive Commission at the earliest possible date to organize a Department Committee or Commission on Religious Education to have charge of all Sunday School, Young People and Religious Educational work, to employ a Secretary or Superintendent of the work who will be under the Control of the Executive Commission of the Synod or the agency for this purpose

which it may create, to request from the Board of Publication and Sabbath School work such sum or sums as the Executive Commission may think necessary for the proper prosecution of the work, and further to take all necessary action to promote the work of religious Education and Sunday Schools within the Synod. It is recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

3. A resolution relating to the endorsement of the League of Nations was moved and added amendments were also moved. Both resolution and amendments were referred to the Committee, which recommended that no action be taken.

4. In relation to the Overture relating to a change of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, so as to ordain Women to preach the gospel, it is recommended in view of the fact that this matter (see Minutes G. A. 1919, pages 267, 268) has been referred by the General Assembly to a Committee to report to the next General Assembly, that no action be taken.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures having no further business before it was discharged.

Rev. Anthony N. Petersen reported that the work among the Freedmen was most encouraging. Our church is not losing its interest in the work. Larger gifts are made from the Church and from the Sabbath Schools. The churches of our land during the year have increased their contributions over 9,000 dollars.

Last year the contributions of our Synod from all sources $33,155, was about $30,000 less than the amount given by the Synod of Pennsylvania. Sometimes comparisons are offensive, but just why this great difference should be, I know not.

Some say that Pennsylvania is nearer the problem hence the greater interest. But the negro problem has ceased to be altogether the problem of the South. Somewhere I have seen statistics which showed a greater number of lynchings north of the Mason and Dixson's line, and that for the year 1918. Whether that is true or not we certainly have a very important and serious negro problem in our northern as well as our southern states. Almost ten per cent of our criminals in the North are negroes.

At Sing Sing, where I serve as Protestant chaplain, there are over one hundred negroes, and out of 24 men in the "condemned cells" awaiting electrocution for murder, four are negroes. No class of people are more easily led astray, and no class is so easily led into the straight and righteous way of life. In supporting our work for the negroes in our southern states one must be awake to the needs of work in their behalf in our northern states.

We thank God that the soul of the Ethiopian may be changed and that he may be white in the blood of the Lamb.

We brought the negro to our shores and thereby brought into our life a race problem. He has multiplied and settled in most of our States and with him has come a new phase of our industrial and labor problem. But everywhere and always he is a religious problem for the church of Christ to tackle, and help solve. Some of the rarest and finest souls are negroes who have been converted to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The negro can fight—he can work—he can pray. Let us help him pray, and praise the Lord.

The report was approved and in connection with it's presentation, Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, D.D., President of the Board of Freedmen, addressed the Synod.

The Committee on the Board of Education presented its report which was accepted and after addresses were given by Rev. Richard C. Hughes, D.D., a Secretary of the Board and Rev. Hugh Moran, Student Pastor of Cornell University, its recommendations were adopted:

This year the main part of our work has been in connection with the student work at Cornell University.

Dr. Hill, the new secretary of the Board, in his first report to the General Assembly defined the aim and purpose of our work at student centers in the following words:

"The purpose of the enterprise is 'to lead students to faith in God through Jesus Christ; to lead them into friendship and service in the Christian Church; to promote their growth in Christian faith and character, especially through the study of the Bible; and to influence them to devote themselves, in united effort with all Christians, to making the will of Christ effective in human society and to extending the Kingdom of God throughout the world'."

There is no place in our country where the opportunity to do this is more vital and far reaching than at Cornell University—where we have nearly a thousand Presbyterian students.

The last time we reported to Synod, Rev. Herbert Moore was our Student Pastor in charge of that work. At that time the Synod authorized the Committee to co-operate with the Board of Education in raising a sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of securing a property that would serve as a home for the resident pastor and a social center for Presbyterian students and a permanent Endowment for the support of the work. On account of the war this object had to be abandoned for the time being. However, a little over a year ago, there was an opportunity to secure a valuable property, which was admirably adapted for the work we were then doing, at a very low figure. After conference with the representatives of the Board and the local Committee it was agreed that

the property should be taken over by the General Board of Education at a figure something less than twenty thousand dollars and that we should endeavor to raise that amount within the Synod.

About this time it seemed wise to your Committee to grant the request of our student pastor for a leave of absence for one year to do work among our soldiers in France. During his absence the work at Cornell was ably directed by Mrs. Moore who used the newly acquired home and social center to splendid advantage. This leave of absence was later extended three more months in order that Mr. Moore might serve the students in arms encamped at the University of Pittsburgh. As a result of that work Mr. Moore was later called to the work of Y. M. C. A. Secretary in that University and to the Committee's great disappointment and sincere regret he felt it his duty to accept the call. Just at this time a new movement began to make itself felt, which, after a great deal of conference and most careful and searching study resulted in a comprehensive co-ordination of all the evangelical religious forces at work in Cornell under the direction of R. H. Edwards one of the ablest Christian workers in this country.

This means that the Presbyterian Student Pastor shall hereafter be a member of the staff of the University Christian Union, which position will give him a more immediate and vital touch with the student body. Mr. Hugh Moran, a man unusually qualified for the service to be rendered has been called to this position. He is a graduate of Leland Stanford University, a Rhodes scholar, studied theology at Oxford; a Missionary to China; preparatory and high school secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and for the last three years war work secretary giving exceptionally able service in Siberia in connection with the Trans-Siberian Railway. His wife is said to be a very delightful woman and "socially gifted."

They are now on the ground and will soon be settled in the new Presbyterian house which is commodious and comfortable and admirably adapted for their work. It will bring in a steady revenue. The Committee found that the third floor was not essential to our work and could at a small expense be converted into a comfortable flat which can be rented to some of the workers at a good rent without in any way depreciating the value of the property.

Christian Work at Cornell never presented so great an opportunity as at present, and the Christian Church was never more sanely and strongly lined up for its task there than it is under this new movement and we look for very unusual results. The success of this undertaking will mean a very definite impetus to comprehensive co-operation in constructive Christian service in every educational center in this country.

When the representatives of the General Board of Education appeal to the churches of Synod for the money necessary to put our part of this work on sound financial basis your Committee sincerely hopes that they will meet with an immediate and hearty response.

We would also call special attention to the resolution adopted by the last General Assembly, see page 208 of the Assembly's Minutes and reads as follows:

"5. That the Assembly approve the policies of the Board as set forth in pages 22 to 23 of its Report, concerning aid to Colleges, work at university centers, recruiting for the ministry and other forms of Christian service, and aid to students preparing for these vocations; and that all churches be urged to send their offerings for education directly to the Board without designation for a particular purpose, the Board to make arrangements with synods, when necessary, so that assurance may be given that a fair portion of the church offerings may be used for each department of the Board's work, no departments to benefit at the expense of the others."

We recommend:

1. That the new Committee on Education when appointed shall be authorized to appoint a special Committee to direct the work at Cornell University and that in this appointment it be not limited to its own members.

2. That the Synod vote the sum of $100 for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the Committee's Work.

The Committee to consider the claims of the New York Sabbath Committee and that of the Lord's Day Alliance on our churches presented its report and it was laid on the table.

The Rev. Judson Swift, D.D., addressed the Synod in the interest of the American Tract Society, and the following action was taken:

For 94 years the American Tract Society with untiring effort and splendid achievement has proclaimed the Gospel Message by means of the printed page. It is now, as hitherto, serving and strengthening the Evangelical Churches, by ministering to the religiously neglected, but potential leaders of tomorrow who must be christianized to save the church and the world.

The society while continuing the most important departments of its work, has with its customary adaptability, helped to meet the great war-time need by the publication and distribution of more than one and a half million volumes, booklets and tracts for the soldiers and sailors, and is now rendering a unique service for the Americanization of the millions of non-English speaking population in our midst, by the publication of the Manual of "American Citizenship" and leaflets on the American home, the American church, and the American Workman.

The society having been a pioneer in the field, is now meeting the challenge of exceptional opportunities in Latin America by new and approved publications in the Spanish language, and here, as elsewhere, providing material for the use of the churches, and by its missionary colporteurs successfully ministering to those who otherwise would be unreached.

The world has revealed the fact, both in America and abroad, that the most effective method of reaching the people, and securing definite action is by means of the printed page.

Forces hostile to the family, the State and the Church, have been quick to recognize this fact, and to act upon it and are now flooding the United States with their baneful literature.

The American Tract Society, realizing that it faces the greatest opportunity of its history is using its experience and equipment in counteracting the alarmingly destructive anti-christian propaganda by the circulation of positive and constructive evangelical literature.

Therefore Resolved, that the Synod heartily approves and endorses the unique, indispensable and world-wide service of the American Tract Society, and earnestly commends it for generous support and urges its pastors and sessions to include the needs of the Society's work in its financial budget for an annual offering.

Synod then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, October 23, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The Committee on the Board of Church Erection renewed the recommendations of last year and asked the approval of the Synod upon them which was granted. They are as follows:

1. That the Board be commended for the improved type of ecclesiastical architecture suggested in its sketches, and that it be requested to consider the wisdom of maintaining a department of consulting architect.

2. That the Board's aim to secure a Manse for every Congregation desiring one, meets with the hearty endorsement of this Synod, and that we counsel all of our churches to consider making special contributions for the Manse Fund.

3. That pastors be asked to have regard to the missionary aspect of this work and to be thoughtful to present the needs of the Board to their respective congregations, apart from the solicitation of funds.

4. That Presbyterial Committees on Church Erection be requested to advise congregations, which have prospects of financial growth, to apply for long time loans instead of grants; thereby assuring the return of the funds for future use.

5. That Presbyterial Home Missions Committees be counseled to consider the procuring of manses for our weak churches as a means to permanent increase of the pastor's salary.

6. That Sessions of churches which have hitherto received assistance from this Board make inquiry to see that their temporal officers are making periodic repayment in accordance with agreement.

GEO. H. FELTUS,
Acting Chairman.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, Rev. Henry A. Porter, Chairman, presented its report of which the following are its main features:

The Consolidation of the Sustentation Fund with the Board of Relief has finally been completed. The frequent changes by death and removal have hindered the work, yet there has been substantial progress.

The churches during the year have increased their gifts 14% and the gifts have gained 10%. The total assets in the two departments are something over seven million dollars.

There has been progress but it ought to be accelerated. It is time that the ten million ought to be raised this year.

As was declared in the last General Assembly, "No New Era Movement" will be at all satisfactory that does not put this Board in such a position that every minister in the church can feel that he can go ahead and preach the Gospel undisturbed by the fear of want in old age."

At present the need seems to be getting far away from the supply. While one hundred of those who were being aided last year were called away to that better land, more than that number have been added to the roll. The number has now reached 1,715 names, five hundred having been added during the last five years. Last year the average apportionment to each one was less than 340 dollars. To the 900 widows the average apportionment was one hundred and eighty dollars. Among those who received these pittances were many of the noblest and saintliest men and women of the church.

Every member of the Board of Relief wishes that a much larger amount could be given to each annuitant, but they are sternly limited by the limited liberality of the Church. While striving to stimulate this liberality, Secretary Davies overstrained his strength and died.

He says "Rarely do we have sufficient money in hand to meet our obligations, each month, but it is a work of faith, hoping the money will come in soon, but this month all our resources have failed us and we had to borrow $10,000, so that when the checks come back our account will not be overdrawn. The increased cost of living has thrown an unusual burden on our Board and led us to face a very serious financial situation."

Still while Dr. Davies was straining himself to the breaking point to meet the emergency, 4,104 churches, nearly half of our churches were making no offerings whatever for this cause and only three of our Synods contributed as much for it as they drew out. New York Synod was one of these three, but our State only gave $1,396 more than we drew out. We must not diminish our gifts to this treasury. The aged servants of Christ and the widows of our brethren need more, rather than less, the coming year. Some have thought that the munificent bequest of Mrs. Sage of $800,000 has put the Board beyond the need of liberal contributions. But the legacy is not yet available and if it were, it would not average more than twenty dollars for each annuitant.

The Board is still striving to reach its ten million endowment, and an item of ten million for the Sustentation Department has been included in the New Era Budget.

Secretary Hunter urges upon the younger ministers, the privilege as well as the duty of membership in the Sustentation Fund.

It is hoped that the full amount may be reached before the next General Assembly. It is not necessary to remind all Presbyterian ministers under 60 years of age, that they can secure a pension at one-fifth its cost, the church paying the rest, a pension depending on years of service, payable at seventy or sooner in case of disability or death. Thus the benefits of this fund come to him or to his family automatically, regardless of all his other resources.

Notice also the "homes" controlled by the Relief Department of the Board. One for those in the early stages of tuberculosis at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Others at Newton, N. J., Newburgh, N. Y., Saginaw, Mich., and just opened the L'Amoreaux home at Ballston Spa., N. Y.

These are all real homes and we rejoice that such beautiful homes of comfort and rest have been provided for the aged servants of Christ. But there is also greatly needed a hospital where helpless and needy invalids and patients may receive constant and careful nursing. These cases should receive considerate and sympathetic attention.

The Board has not the funds to provide such a hospital, but presses this subject emphatically, appealing to the consecrated wealth of the church. Who in this Synod would welcome the opportunity to erect such a house of Mercy?

Secretary Davies wishes to bring this subject to the earnest attention of the young people in our Sabbath Schools. Would not Mother's Day be a fitting time for this and the Board will furnish programs and envelopes for the offerings.

The report was received and was accepted after an address on the subject by Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D., a member of the Board.

Miss V. M. White of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and Mrs. W. Lorimer were introduced to the Synod and the former spoke of the Freedmen's Work and of Foreign and Home Missions in connection with the New Era Movement. A vote of thanks was tendered the Woman's Synodical Committee for their work.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be signed as approved: Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Brooklyn-Nassau, Cayuga, Champlain, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, New York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Porto Rico, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

1. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Chemung be approved with this exception that the Presbytery licensed a person to preach the gospel who was not eligible according to the rules of the Church.

2. That the records of the following Presbyteries were not presented: Steuben, Syracuse.

The report of the Standing Committee was accepted and its recommendations were adopted.

Rev. Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D., presented the report of the Committee on Temperance which was accepted. Pending its acceptance, Rev. Andrew B. Wood of the Anti-Saloon League addressed the Synod. The report is as follows:

We congratulate the Christian and moral forces in American civil life on the notable achievements in temperance reform gained in the recent months. The unbelievable has happened. Since the last meeting of Synod the "nibbling" practices of Joffre in the stalemate of the trenches as applied in the war of temperance when we sought to gain town, county, city or state prohibition has been supplanted by one great offensive that has won the national prohibition amendment, ratified by forty-five states and prohibition has been made a part of the basic law of the land. Moreover, though an old time statesman has whimsically said that certain national legislators vote one way and drink another, congress seems in a fair way to enact rational enforcement laws.

Our rejoicing must be tempered by the fact that the liquor interests are not yet dead. Efforts will be made to repeal or at least to nullify the effect of the prohibition amendment.

Judges and other officials may be nominated and elected on the platform of anti-prohibition and when elected may be expected to be lax in the enforcement of the laws. Individuals also doubtless will prolong or cultivate intemperate habits by the home brewing and manufacture of various intoxicating drinks. Therefore the definite fight for temperance reform must be continued along lines of education, laws must be enacted and enforced. High minded officials must be elected and sustained in office.

Our participation in the world war has complicated our problem. Of our millions of young men sent abroad and dwelling for a time in wine drinking or beer drinking communities many have come home with undesirable habits and with modified views of the dangers of drink.

A war has its aftermath of problems of all sorts. While some rise to heights of splendid heroism and develop manly strength others come back crippled in body and warped in morals. After the Civil war we not only had an army of drunkards and moral wrecks but for a generation the whole country was overrun with an army of tramps.

The cigarette habit has long been recognized as injurious and our little boys are taught in the public schools its evils. Young men training for athletic events

recognize that the cigarette shortens the wind and injures the nerves. Does it not seem strange then that when the young men of our country went into training for the greatest athletic contest of all time, men who were to endure the most searching of nerve tests were as a class deluged with cigarettes and encouraged to become slaves of the habit? Does it not seem strange that women and girls, ministers and Y. M. C. A. workers developed a cigarette sentimentalism that knew no limit.

The new conditions arising from the recent prohibition victory and the challenge of opportunity arising from the world war lay upon us as never before the obligation of a systematic, rational and comprehensive teaching and practice of temperance in all things and urges us to particular vigilance lest any good already gained be lost.

The Committee on Nomination of the Permanent Committees reported as follows which report was adopted:

(a) In order to conform to section IX, paragraph 10 of the Standing Rules which is "In every year of even numbers a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years is to be appointed, and since no meeting of the Synod last year, (an even year) was held, the Committees were continued for a year.

The Committee recommends that the Committees appointed this year, be for one year only in order to conform to the standing rules.

(b) Again the action of Synod changing Rule of Section IX, paragraph 10, stating "Permanent Committees" are to consist of four ministers and three Ruling Elders is changed to three ministers and two ruling elders.

In accord with the change of this rule, we name only five men on each committee as follows:

1. Religious Education. MINISTERS—Nevin D. Bartholomew, William H. Boocock, Herbert H. Field; ELDERS—E. A. Rogers, George R. Staley.

2. Foreign Missions. MINISTERS—Charles McKenzie, Paul R. Hickok, William H. Hopkins; ELDERS—John T. D. Blackburn, Paul Cook.

3. Church Erection. MINISTERS—Frank M. Kerr, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; ELDERS—Edwin W. Rowley, Clarence G. Seward.

4. Education. MINISTERS—John M. MacInnes, THEODORE M. CARLISLE, Samuel F. Franklin; ELDERS—John Finley, O. M. Edwards.

5. Ministerial Relief. MINISTERS—L. O. Rotenbach, John G. Truair, Christopher G. Hazard; ELDERS—Robert Cluett, W. Edward Ibbotson.

6. Freedmen. MINISTERS—James A. Pratt, William Hansom, Joseph W. Babbitt; ELDERS—R. E. Wilcox, W. W. Smith.

7. Temperance. MINISTERS—Charles G. Ellis, H. H. Barstow, H. R. Fraser; Elders—W. T. Couper, B. P. Wayne.

8. Sabbath Observance. MINISTERS—Alexander Alison, Robert Watson, Duncan J. McMillan; ELDERS—J. G. Stephenson, James B. Murray.

9. Men's Work. MINISTERS—Carl W. Scovel, Peter McKenzie, T. J. Bolger; ELDERS—Lucius L. Van Slyke, George B. Ament.

(c) We also recommend the Union of the Education and the College Aid Committees and therefore recommend no nominations for Committee on College Aid.

A gavel was presented to the Moderator by Rev. L. R. Armstrong of the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau.

The Moderator of Synod, Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., was appointed a delegate to the Lord's Day Alliance Convention to be held at Washington, D. C., Dec. 11–14, 1919.

The Moderator was also appointed to bear the greetings of this Synod to the Synod of New England which is soon to be in session.

Also he was instructed to express to the President of Hamilton College the interest of the Synod in the excellent work it is doing.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

The Synod of New York now closing its Sessions of the year 1919 would hereby express its grateful appreciation of the Christian courtesy and abounding hospitality granted to us by the pastor, officers and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, N. Y., and by this community, widely.

The gracious welcome extended to us by the Mayor of this beautiful city and the wide opening of its homes for our accommodation have touched our hearts. As now we scatter to our Presbyteries and homes, and individual service we carry with us happy memories of the kindness experienced by us here; and we pray for the Divine blessing on this church and community as on the Kingdom of God world-wide.

Rev. Dr. Anson P. Atterbury was requested to read the above resolution at refreshment table this evening.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members of the Synod had been permitted, for adequate reasons to withdraw before the close of the Sessions and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: MINISTERS—Charles B. F. Pease, George Dugan, Paul Stratton, John R. Kay; ELDERS—Charles O. Cross, Edward A. Stewart, J. L. Patton.

Binghamton: MINISTERS—Arthur Burd McCormick, Henry Didama Smith; ELDERS—Smith C. Sliter, Francis N. Conlon.

Brooklyn-Nassau: MINISTERS—Frank B. Cowan, Samuel H. Seem; ELDERS—T. H. Dinsmore, Cornelius J. Bergen, J. S. Snedaker, B. G. Sammis.

Buffalo: MINISTERS—Carl H. Dudley, W. H. Boocock, Charles H. Stewart, William H. Leach; ELDERS—John S. Chittenden, William Wahl.

Cayuga: MINISTER—Allen M. Dulles; ELDERS—Edward Palmer, Emmanuel Kind.

Chemung: MINISTER—T. Johnson Bolger; ELDER—Frank H. Mills.

Columbia: MINISTER—Samuel R. Warrender; ELDER—Jay D. Hopkins.

Genesee: ELDER—J. Corwin Jacks.

Geneva: MINISTERS—Hiram H. Kellogg, Robert D. Merrill, Alva V. King; ELDER—Thomas E. Rippey.

Hudson: MINISTERS—Joseph McC. Leiper, Francis M. Line, Adrian Van Oeveren, Edward N. Kruizenga; ELDERS—Sceley Drew, Schuyler C. Pew, Owen R. Hughes.

Long Island: ELDER—Schuyler B. Horton.

Lyons: MINISTER—Richard J. Curnow.

New York: MINISTERS—Harlan G. Mendenhall, George S. Webster, Robert Watson, William H. Matthews, Matthew F. Johnston; ELDERS—William Thomson, William S. Jackson, William K. Gilchrist, L. Farley Hovey, Peter J. Fleck.

North River: MINISTER—Parke Richards; ELDER—Isaac McKeever.

Otsego: MINISTER—Henry T. Scholl.

Rochester: MINISTERS—Amos A. Kiehle, J. Canfield Van Doren, Oscar D. Brownback; ELDERS—James Hammond, William Day. George Hubbard, William Stokoe.

St. Lawrence: MINISTER—Elias M. Gehr; ELDER—James C. McCormick.

Steuben: MINISTER—Samuel Eaton, Frank H. Bisbee; ELDERS—W. D. Sims, L. D. Allen.

Syracuse: MINISTERS—Samuel W. Steele, Cassius J. Sargent, John R. Woodcock; ELDER—George L. Woodworth.

Troy: MINISTER—John L. Caughey; ELDER—William Hamilton.

Utica: MINISTERS—John B. Grant, Victor M. Patterson; ELDERS—J. Henry Balmer, C. Wesley Lane.

Westchester: MINISTERS—Benjamin H. Everitt, Anthony N. Petersen; ELDERS—Howard Whittemore, Orson W. Sloat, Frank W. Nicholls, Thomas T. Hill.

The roll was called and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of Albany: MINISTER—Clement G. Martin; ELDER—C. H. Gillen.

Buffalo: MINISTER—G. Taylor Wright; ELDER—Benjamin Evans.

Genesee: MINISTERS—John D. Thomas, Harry L. Somers.

Geneva: ELDER—George C. Waldo.

New York: ELDER—John Wylie.

North River MINISTER—Ebenezer Flack; ELDER—Oren J. Chandler.

Otsego: MINISTERS—I. Newton Steelman, Robert E. Schwenk; ELDER—Thomas Rich.

Utica: ELDER—Frank W. Kirkland.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Binghamton on Tuesday, October nineteenth, 1920, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:
J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of 59 ministers and 47 churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

December 19, 1918, Rev. Calvin H. French, from the Presbytery of Utica;
April 15, 1919, Rev. George J. Becker, from the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. O. B. Neyroz, from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Merritt J. Congdon, from the Presbytery of Utica;
May 6, Rev. Ralph De Kay, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
June 17, Rev. J. Service La Rue, from the Presbytery of St. Louis;
Sept. 16, Rev. Taliesin W. Davies, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

December 10, 1918, between Rev. Wm. H. Freeman and the Carlisle Church;
December 22, between Rev. Elmer J. Stuart and the West Troy, First Church;
December 29, between Rev. Edwin N. Kline and the Tribes Hill Church;
April 15, between Rev. Samuel G. Parent and the Mariaville Church; between Rev. Henry Baker and the Ballston Center Church;
April 30, between Rev. Warren G. Whiffen and the Esperance Church;
July 1, between Rev. Fred A. Gates and the Corinth Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 22, 1918, Rev. Elmer J. Stuart to the Presbytery of Steuben;
December 29, Rev. Edwin N. Kline to the Presbytery of Troy;
April 15, 1919, Rev. Henry Baker to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
July 1, Rev. Louis F. Mayle to the Presbytery of Rochester;
September 16, Rev. Paul F. Landis to the Presbytery of New York.

Ministers installed:

December 19, 1919, Rev. Calvin H. French over the Madison Ave. Albany Church;
May 8, Rev. S. G. Parent over the Tribes Hill Church;
May 15, Rev. W. H. Freeman over the Carlisle Church;
June 26, Rev. J. W. Young over the New Scotland Church;
July 16, Rev. Merritt J. Congdon over the Greenbush Rensselaer Church;
September 19, Rev. J V. Moldenhawer over the Westminster Church, Albany;
September 23, Rev. T. W. Davies over the Watervliet First Church.

Miscellaneous:

Albany Second and State Street Albany, consolidated April 15, 1919, and incorporated as the Westminster Church.
December 10, 1918, Rev. Charles McKenzie, D.D., was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer in place of the Rev. Charles G. Sewall resigned.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of 39 ministers and 34 churches.

Ministers received:

February 24, 1919, Rev. James Elmer Russell from the Presbytery of Utica;
April 21, Rev. Henry Baker from the Presbytery of Albany;
June 9, Rev. Frederick D. Viehe, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiates received:

March 31, 1919, Howard Armstrong Van de Myer from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

October 4, 1918, between Rev. Leon A Losey and the Church at Preble;
March 25, 1919, between Rev. Paul R. Hoppe, Ph.D., and the Ross Memorial Church of Binghamton.

Ordinations:

March 31, 1919, Howard Armstrong Van de Myer;
April 22, Francis O. Hathaway

Installations:

March 4, 1919, Rev. James Elmer Russell over the North Church of Binghamton;
March 31, Rev. Howard Armstrong Van de Myer over the Church at Preble;
May 8, Rev. Henry Baker over the Church at Deposit;
June 24, Rev. Frederick D. Viehe, Ph.D., over the Ross Memorial Church of Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed:

October 4, 1918, Rev. Leon A. Losey to the Presbytery of Genesee;
March 25, 1919, Rev. Paul R. Hoppe, Ph D., to the Presbytery of West Jersey;
April 22, Rev. Clarence B. Scoville to the Presbytery of Long Island.

Deaths:

October 28, 1918 at Binghamton, Rev. Adelbert J. Schlager, D.D., aged 72.
December 14, at Port Dickinson, Rev. John Merriam, aged 63.

Miscellaneous:

September 16, 1919, The Coventry 2d Church was dropped from the Roll of Presbytery.

III. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau** consists of 141 ministers, 77 churches and has under its care one licentiate and 10 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 25, 1918, Rev. D. Ernest McCurry from the Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. Albert Kuhn from the Presbytery of Waukon;
January 27, 1919, Rev. E. Monro Dill, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. W. A. R. Russum, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
March 24, Rev. Wm. Coburn, M.D., from the Presbytery of West Jersey; Rev. H. A. Northacker, from the Presbytery of North River;

April 28, Rev. W. G. Clark-Duff from the Presbytery of Long Island; Rev. U. A. Guss, from the Presbytery of Carlisle;
June 23, Rev. J. H. Bigelow, from the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. E. F. Eastman, from the North Classis of Long Island;
September 22, Rev. J. M. Brockie, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 28, 1919, E. A. Burtt;
September 22, S. H. Barrett, Jr.

Licentiate received:
Nov. 25, 1918, F. DiGiacomo from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
January 27, 1919, Rev. R. D. Merrill and Babylon Church; Rev. A. M. Currie and Flushing Church;
April 28, Rev. J. D. Burrell, D.D., and Classon Avenue Church; Rev. C. S. Tator and Northport Church;
June 23, Rev. C. T. Baillie and Mt. Olivet Church.

Ordinations:
April 25, 1919, Wm. S. Astley;
June 25, T. M. Talmage.

Installations:
February 5, 1919, Dr. J. J. Macdonald over Richmond Hill Church;
April 8, Rev. H A. Northacker over Elmhurst Church;
April 10, Rev. L. P. Armstrong over Borough Park Church;
May 6, Rev. W G Clark-Duff over Duryea Church;
June 5 Rev U. A. Guss over Northport Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 25, 1918, Rev. J. D. Long, D.D., to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
January 27, 1919, Rev. A. M. Currie, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Toronto; Rev. C. E. Dunn to the Taunton Congregational Association; Rev. L. C. Pettit, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Newark;
Mar. 24, Rev. J. A. Erickson to the Presbytery of Chester; Rev. R. D. Merrill to the Presbytery of Geneva;
March 24, Rev. J. F. Riggs, Jr., to the Presbytery of Columbia;
April 28, Rev. H W. Tator to the Presbytery of New York.
June 23, Rev. C. T. Baillie to the Presbytery of Champlain;
June 25, Rev. G. H. Feltus to the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. T. M. Talmage to the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 22, Rev. F. E. Brooks to the Presbytery of Highland; Rev. Wm. Coburn, M.D., to the Presbytery of Mattoon.

Name placed on reserve list:
January 27, 1919, Rev. Wm. R. Campbell.

Miscellaneous:
The name of the Bay Ridge Presbyterian Church is now the Union Church of Bay Ridge, Presbyterian.

IV. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of 70 ministers and 56 churches. It has under its care four candidates and two licentiates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1919, Rev. S. V. Bergen, from the Presbytery of Carlisle;
June 2, Rev. J. Dugald MacKenzie, from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island;
September 15, Rev. J. Fraser Cocks, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Toronto;
Sept. 29, Rev. Chas. T. Roosa from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Albert E. Herrick from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Paul F. Boller from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

February 1, 1919, between Rev. C. H. M. Graves and the Springville Church;
March 31, between Rev. G. H. Orvis and the Bethany Church, Buffalo;
April 21, between Rev. W. S. Douds and the Allegany Church;
August 31, Rev. J. C. Glover, S.T.D., and the Franklinville Church;
September 29, Rev. C. E. Benson and the Bethlehem Church, Buffalo.

Ministers dismissed:

December 2, 1918, Rev. J. F. Robinson to the Presbytery of Geneva;
January 27, 1919, Rev. Rufus H. Bent to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. Walter Foss to the Presbytery of Niagara;
February 3, Rev. Clifford H. M. Graves to the Presbytery of Denver;
March 28, Rev. Greeley H. Orvis to the Presbytery o Geneva;
August 25, Rev. Joel C. Glover, S.T.D., to the Presbytery of Rochester;
June 2, Rev. C. K. Imbrie to the Presbytery of Geneva;
September 15, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Candidate licensed:

April 21, 1919, Wm. C. Mitchell of Auburn Seminary.

Dropped from the roll:

Dec. 2, 1918, Joseph K. Griffis, Cleveland, Ohio.

Deaths:

November 10, 1918, Rev. E. J. Feuersohn, Phoenix, Arizona, age 49;
January 7, 1919, Rev. S. S. Mitchell, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y., age 79.

V. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of 52 ministers, 23 churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November 19, 1918, Rev. Wm. Stickney Ewell, from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. Thomas Tighe, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 30, 1919, Rev. Bert N. Weaver, from the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Candidates taken under care:

February 25, 1919, Willis R. Sanderson;
September 30, Dan D. Jansen.

Candidates received:

November 19, 1918, Lee A. Hanchette, from the Presbytery of Erie;

September 30, 1919, Charles C. Barnes, from the Presbytery of St. Louis.

Candidates licensed:

November 19, 1918, Howard Armstrong Van de Meyer;

April 14, 1919, W. R. Sanderson, W. H. Meyer, L. A. Hanchette;

May 4, Harold Lee.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

January 14, 1919, between Rev. Thomas R. Husk and the Churches of Scipioville and Scipio;

February 25, between Rev. Wm. H. Perry and Genoa First;

April 14, between Rev. J. A. MacIntosh and Ithaca;

September 9, between Rev. Charles Gorman Richards and the First Church, Auburn.

Ordinations:

May 4, 1919, Arthur W. Ratz;

May 5, Benjamin Heideman, Wm. Miles Phillips, Wm. Woodford Rock, George Leroy Tappan.

Installations:

November 13, 1918, Rev. Lucian W. Scott as associate pastor of the First Church, Auburn;

May 4, 1919, Rev. Arthur W. Ratz, over Westminster Church, Auburn.

Ministers dismissed:

January 14, 1919, Rev. T. R. Husk to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Ira L. Livingston to the Presbytery of St. Louis;

February 25, Rev. Robert B. Rock to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

May 5, Rev. Benjamin Heideman to the Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. Wm. Miles Phillips to the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. George Leroy Tappan to the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 9, Rev. Alfred W. Lees to the Presbytery of Monroe; Rev. Wm. H. Perry to the Black River and St. Lawrence Congregational Association;

September 30, Rev. Herbert M. Moore to the Presbytery of Pittsburg.

Licentiates transferred:

April 14, 1919, H. A. VandeMeyer to the Presbytery of Binghamton; Clarence H. Ford to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

VI. **The Presbytery of Champlain** reports twenty-two churches and twenty ministers.

Ministers received:

December 4, 1918, Rev. C. Edward Fay from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Walter Ross, from the Presbytery of Minnedosa, Presbyterian Church of Canada;

April 22, 1919, Rev. William C. Watson, from the St. Lawrence and Black River Association of Congregational Churches;

July 31, Rev. Charles T. Bailie from the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau; Mr. Earl R. Yeatts, from the Presbytery of Washington.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

December 4, 1918, between Rev. Chas. T. Lawrence and the Church at Mineville;

Jan. 6, 1919, between Rev. Alex G. Howat and the Church at Burke.

Ordination:

September 25, 1919, Mr. Earl R. Yeatts.

Installations:

December 4, 1918, Rev. C. Edward Fay over the churches at Champlain and Rouses Point.

December 5, Rev. Walter Ross over the Church at Chateaugay;

June 25, 1919, Rev. William C. Watson over the Adirondack Parish Church;

July 31, Rev. Charles T. Baillie over the Church at Plattsburg;

September 25, Rev. Earl R. Yeatts over the Church at Burke.

Ministers dismissed:

April 8, 1919, Rev. Alex. G. Howat to the Presbytery of Saginaw.;

April 22, Rev. T. Bertram Anderson to th Hampden Association of Congregational Churches;

Rev. William T. Eaton to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 25, Rev. Henry A. Porter to the Presbytery of Geneva;

Death:

March 19, 1919, Rev. Peter J. H. Myers, at Madison, Wis., aged ninety-seven.

VII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of 17 ministers, 20 churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 22, 1919, the Rev. Harry E. Malick from the Presbytery of Lyons;

September 23, the Rev. Harry A. Depfer from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 23, 1919, Austen Philip Guiles.

Installation:

May 7, 1919, the Rev. Harry E. Malick over the Horseheads Church.

Minister dismissed:

September 23, 1919, the Rev. James A. Miller, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Athens.

Miscellaneous:

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: The Rev. Wm. Henry Chapman, 1505 Lake St. Elmira, N. Y.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of 24 ministers, 17 churches and has under its care 35 local evangelists and six candidates.

IX. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of fifteen ministers and seventeen Churches and has under its care two local Evangelists.

Ministers received:

April 23, 1919, The Rev. James F. Riggs, Jr., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau; The Rev. David B. Van Dyck, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 16, The Rev. David A. Craig, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Installation:

May 6, 1919, The Rev. James F. Riggs, Jr., over the Church at Catskill.

Ministers dismissed:

December 28, 1918, The Rev. Charles F. Aue, to the Presbytery of Newark;

September 17, 1919, The Rev. William Mackay, to the Presbytery of North River.

X. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of 13 ministers, four churches, and has under its care two candidates.

XI. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of 22 ministers, 18 churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 29, 1919, Rev. Marion F. Hogenboom was received from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. William Excell from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Installations:

April 29, 1919, Rev. Marion F. Hogenboom over the Stone Church;

October 3, Rev. Donald M. Chappel over the Oakfield Church;

October 13, Rev. William Excell over the East Pembroke Church; Rev. A. G. Anderson over the North Bergen Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

In 1919, between Rev. William B. Frith and the East Pembroke Church;

June 9, between Rev. Frank E. Hoyt and the Oakfield Church;

September 22, between Rev. David H. Edwards and the Attica Church;

September 28, between Rev. Leon A. Losey and the Byron Church.

Ministers dismissed:

September 22, 1919, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. David H. Edwards to the Presbytery of Chester;

September 28, Rev. Leon A. Losey to engage in the Inter Church Movement.

Miscellaneous:

Rev. Frank E. Weeks has been elected Stated Clerk.

XII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of 33 ministers, 20 churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

November 21, 1918, Rev. Angus J McMillan from the Presbytery of Rochester;

April 15, 1919, Rev. Messrs. Samuel A. J. Page from the Presbytery of Northumberland; Robert D. Merrill from the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau; Greeley H. Orvis and J. Forbes Robinson from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

May 12, Rev. Benj. Heideman from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

September 16, Rev. Messrs. Charles H. Imbrie from the Presbytery of Buffalo; David L. Roberts from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 26, Rev. Walter S. Gamertsfelder from the Ohio Conference of the Evangelical Association.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 16, 1919, Howard B. Withers.

Candidate licensed:

April 15, 1919, G. Howard Mickelson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 24, 1918, Rev. Samuel K. Piercy and the Church of Waterloo;

January 23, 1919, Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew and the Church of Penn Yan.

Ordination:

June 29, 1919, G. Howard Mickelson.

Installations:

November 21, 1918, Rev. Angus J. McMillan over the Church at Shortsville;

January 12, 1919, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., over First Church, Geneva;

May 1, Rev. Greeley H. Orvis over the Memorial Church, Bellona;

May 5, Rev. Robert D. Merrill over the Church at Seneca Falls;

May 9, Rev. Samuel A. J. Page over the Dresden Church;

June 29, Rev. G. Howard Mickelson over the Canoga Church;

July 6, Rev. B. Heideman over the Romulus Church;

September 18, Rev. Charles K. Imbrie over the Church at Penn Yan;

September 19, Rev. David L. Roberts over the Church at Waterloo.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of 50 ministers and 47 churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 14, 1919, Rev. Clarence E. Strubel from the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. Charles Nietser from the Classis of New York of the Reformed Church in America;

April 23, Rev. Truman A. Kilborne from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. M. C. Jacobs from the Presbytery of Holston; Rev. Archibald B. Jamison from the Presbytery of Baltimore;

September 15, Rev. Edgar Cooper Mason from the Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. William H. Niles from the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. Arthur M. Elliot from the Presbytery of Long Island.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:
April 22, 1919, Albert A. Camparine.

Candidate licensed:
September 16, 1919, Albert A. Camparine.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
January 14, 1919, between Rev. L. Wm. Hones and the Roscoe Church;
April 22, between Rev. Ivan G. Martin and the Montgomery Church; Rev. A. E. Chamberlain and the Florida Church; Rev. Azel Hull Fish, D.D., and the Nyack Church.

Installations:
January 20, 1919, Rev. Charles M. Ackerman over the Ramapo Church;
February 5, Rev. Clarence E. Strubel over the Livingston Manor Church;
February 12, Rev. Charles Nietzer over the Jeffersonville Church;
April 23, Rev. Truman A. Kilborne over the Suffern Church;
May 8, Rev. A. B. Jamison over the Cochecton Church;
September 25, Rev. Edgar Cooper Mason over the Florida Church.
October 14, Rev. W. H. Niles over the Roscoe Church.

Ministers dismissed:
January 14, 1919, Rev. O. B. Neroz to the Presbytery of Albany;
September 16, Rev. Alva L. Cloyd to the Presbytery of Los Angeles; Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery to the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:
April 15, 1919, Rev. George W. Rexford from the Presbytery of Florida;
May 15, Rev. Clarence B. Scoville from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
April 15, 1919, between Rev. Jacob E. Mallmann and the Shelter Island Church;
May 15, between Rev. Arthur M. Elliot and the Port Jefferson Church.

Installation:
May 15, 1919, Rev. Clarence B. Scoville over the Amagansett Church.

Ministers dismissed:
April 15, 1919, Rev. William G. Clark-Duff to the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau;
May 15, Rev. Arthur M. Elliot to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Churches united:
April 15, 1919, The Franklinville and Mattituck churches under the name of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church.

XV. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of 19 ministers, 18 churches.

Ministers received:

June 30, 1919 Rev. W. Miles Phillips from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 16, Rev. Albert J. Thomas from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

November 18, 1918, between the Rev. L. A. Ostrander, D.D., and the Church at Lyons; Rev. W. S. Morrow and the Churches at Sodus Center and Joy;
June 30, 1919, between Rev. W. J. Johnson and the Church at Clyde;
September 15, between Rev. O. D. Dutcher and the Church at North Rose.

Installations:

July 15, 1919, Rev. W. Miles Phillips over the Church at Ontario Center;
October 1, Rev. Albert J. Thomas over the Church at Lyons.

Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1919, Rev. Leon S. Lacey dismissed to the Presbytery of Syracuse; Rev. Harry E. Malick to the Presbytery of Chemung;
June 30, Rev. Wm. H. Niles dismissed to the Presbytery of Hudson.

XVI. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of 188 ministers, 61 churches, one licentiate and 16 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 11, 1918, Rev. F. Pierce Ramsay, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Dubuque.

March 10, 1919, Rev. Paul E. Baker from the Presbytery of Fort Worth;

April 14, Rev. Samuel Charles Black, D.D., from the Presbytery of Maumee; Rev. Walter W. Hammond, D.D., from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. Frederick W. Evans, D.D., from the Presbytery of Council Bluffs;

June 9, Rev. Arthur H. Allen from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. Wilson Aull, D.D., from the Presbytery of Alton; Rev. Henry Natsch Furnald from the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley; Rev. Homer W. Taylor from the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau;

October 6, Rev. Ray Freeman Jenney from the Presbytery of Springfield; Rev. K. Palmer Miller from the Presbytery of Detroit; Rev. Paul Dwight Moody from Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Rev. Arnaldo Stasio from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. C. Franklin Ward from the Presbytery of Los Angeles; Rev. Charles B. Swartz from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 14, 1919, Warren D. Hall; Alfred D. Moore; A. Karl Skinner; Lester H. Clee.

October 6, Ffank Fasano; Charles M. Houser.

Licentiates dismissed:

March 10, 1919, R. F. White Benjamin to the African Methodist Zion Episcopal Church of U. S. A.;

April 14, Cyrus Scapellati to the Presbytery of Lehigh; Emerson O. Houser to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1919, Emerson O. Houser; Cyrus Scapellati;
June 9, Warren D. Hall; A. Karl Skinner.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

November 11, 1918, between Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D.D., Rev. George Alexander, D.D., Rev. Howard Duffield, D.D., Rev. Thomas Guthrie Speers and First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, Consolidated;

January 13, 1919, between Rev. R. R. White and Faith Presbyterian Church;
June 9, between Rev. Edward J. Russell and Calvary Presbyterian Church;
October 6, between Rev. Frederick D. Niedermeyer and Adams Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Ordinations:

January 19, 1919, Rosario Valenti;
June 10, Warren D. Hall;
June 22, A. Karl Skinner.

Installations:

January 29, 1919, Rev. George Alexander, D.D., pastor First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, Consolidated;

April 25, Rev. George E. Sehlbrede, pastor Emmanuel Presbyterian Church;

May 4, Rev. Frederick W. Evans, D.D., pastor of Harlem-New York Presbyterian Church; Rev. Wm. Neely Ross, pastor of West 23d Street Presbyterian Church;

May 11, Rev. George M. Elsbree, pastor of Van Nest Presbyterian Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 13, 1919, Rev. Robert R. White to the Presbytery of Providence;

March 10, Rev. Fred Shaw to Marion Presbytery; Rev. George F. Dewey to the Presbytery of Montreal;

June 9, Rev. Edward J. Russell to the Presbytery of Chester;

October 6, Rev. James W. Doughty to the Classis of Palisades; Rev. A. Karl Skinner to the Litchfield County North Ass'n of Congregational Ministers; Rev. Frank Hamilton to the West Jersey Presbytery; Rev. Frederick D. Niedermeyer to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Name dropped from the roll:

June 9, 1919, Rev. Francesco Pirazzini.

Churches enrolled:

October 25, 1918, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church;
November 3, Church of the Gospel, Bethlehem Memorial.

Ministers deceased:

November 21, 1918, Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D.D., at Buffalo, N. Y., age 84;

December 24, Rev. Henry Mitchell MacCracken, D.D., LL.D., at Orlando, Fla., age 78;
December 25, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., at New York City, age 60;
December 25, Rev. Benjamin P. Johnson at Newark, N. J., age 82;
February 15, 1919, Rev. F. V. D. Garretson at New York City, age 80;
February 18, Rev. Adolph G. Schauffler, D.D., at New York City, age 74;
March 7, Rev. Samuel G. Hutchinson, D.D., at Chicago;
March 10, Rev. George Lewis Shearer, D.D., at Carlisle, Pa., age 84;
August 19, Rev. Joseph H. Bradley, D.D., at Brooklyn, N. Y., age 81.

XVII. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of 17 ministers, 21 churches and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received:
April 21, 1919, Rev. Walter Foss from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Candidate licensed:
April 21, 1919, Royal E. McGowan.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 23, 1918, between Rev. Peter Birrell and the Knowlesville Church;
September 30, 1919, between Rev. William F. Scoular and the North Church, North Tonawanda.

Ministers dismissed:
December 23, 1918, Rev. Peter Birrell to the Rochester Presbytery;
April 21, 1919, Rev. William Excell to the Presbytery of Genesee;
September 30, Rev. William F. Scoular to the Presbytery of Duluth.
May 12, 1919, Carlton Church was dissolved by action of Presbytery.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of 36 ministers, 30 churches and has two candidates under its care.

Ministers received:
November 29, 1918, Rev. Thomas S. Braithwaite from Manhattan Congregational Association;
January 13, 1919, Rev. David M. Hunter from Berkshire Congregational Association;
June 9, Rev. E. Glenn Switzer from the Winchester Presbytery, U. S.;
October 6, Rev. William Mackay from the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. H. Bradley Sayre from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
November 29, 1918, between Rev. Irving Maxwell and the Bethlehem Church;
April 21, 1919, between Rev. Edward W. Bate and the Wappingers Falls Church;
April 22, between Rev. Hugh K. Fulton and the Canterbury Church.

Installations:

June 11, 1919, Rev. E. Glenn Switzer over the Newburgh Union Church;
June 16, Rev. William O. Nagle over the Bethlehem Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 29, 1918, Rev. Irving Maxwell to the Presbytery of West Jersey;
February 10, 1919. Rev. Howard Northacker to the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau.

Ministers deceased:

January 12, 1919, Rev. Alphaeus N. Andrus, D.D., at Poughkeepsie, aged 75;
June, Rev. George Allan, at Milton, N. Y., aged 50.

Miscellaneous:

April 22, 1919, Mr. Alexander D. McCann of Newburgh was elected Treasurer of Presbytery in place of Mr. Charles H. Stuart, deceased.

XIX. **North Siam** reports 19 ministers and 30 churches, one licentiate and six candidates (last report).

XX. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of 29 ministers, 30 churches and has two candidates under its care.

Ministers received:

September 23, 1919, Rev. David C. Davies from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 22, 1919, between Rev. Robert Bramfitt and the Church at Middlefield Center;
June 2, between Rev. Henry Hansman and the Church of East Meredith;
September 23, between Rev. Ward C. Peabody and the Church at Shavertown; between Rev. James W. Bump and the Church at Hobart; between Rev. Andrew M. Forrester and the First Church at Delhi;
September 30, between Rev. William McNair Kittredge and the Second Church at Delhi.

Installation:

October 24, 1918, Rev. James W. Bump over the Church at Hobart.

Ministers dismissed:

June 2, 1919, Rev. Henry Hansman to the Morris and Orange Presbytery;
September 23, Rev. Ward C. Peabody to the Presbytery of Lyons;
September 30, Rev. Wm. McN. Kittredge to the Presbytery of Newburyport.

Deaths:

July 6, 1919, Rev. James S. Moore, at Buffalo, N. Y., aged 58 years and 26 days;
August 22, Rev. Hugh Park Mac Adam, D.D., at Saugerties, N. Y., aged 82 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Miscellaneous:

September 22, 1919, in connection with the Stated Fall Meeting, the Presbytery celebrated the one hundredth anniversary since its organization with seven ministers and five churches.

XXI. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of 29 ministers, 33 churches, three licentiates, seven local evangelists and seven candidates.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of 67 ministers and 52 churches and has under its care nine candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

November 4, 1918, Rev. Michele Frasca from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;

June 4, 1919, Rev. Henry Ward Campbell from the Presbytery of Hodge; Rev. William H. Simmons from the Presbytery of Steuben;

June 9, Rev. Peter Birrell from the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 22, Rev. Louis F. Mayle from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Joel C. Glover, S.T.D., from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 1, 1918, between Rev. W. B. Jorris and Grace Church, Rochester;

September 22, 1919, between Rev. Homer D. Pease and Ogden Church, Spencerport; between Rev. Eugene T. Henzel and Union Presbyterian Church of Leicester.

Ordination:

June 4, 1919, A. Henry Birkel.

Installations:

June 12, 1919, Rev. William H. Simmons over Calvary Presbyterian Church, Rochester;

June 26, Rev. Henry W. Campbell over Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rochester;

September 30, Rev. Joel C. Glover, S.T.D., over Grace Presbyterian Church, Rochester;

Ministers dismissed:

September 22, 1919, Rev. Albert E. Herrick to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Charles T. Roosa to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. John W. Berger to the Presbytery of San Francisco-Oakland.

Restored to Roll:

November 4, 1918, Rev. William W. Stoddart, D.D.

Minister deceased:

October 5, 1919, at Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Henry F. Gilt, aged 58 years, 4 months and 24 days.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of 35 ministers, 35 churches and has three candidates for the ministry under its care.

Ministers received:

January 27, 1919, Rev. Thomas R. Husk from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 14, Rev. Fred O. Scurrah from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids;

Spetember 30, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt from the Presbytery of Genesee; and Rev. Charles L. Luther from the Presbytery of Parkersburg.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:
April 15, 1919, Mr. Arthur T. Cort of Cape Vincent;
May 22, Mr. John Logan of Potsdam.

Licentiate received:
April 14, 1919, Clarence N. Ford from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidates licensed:
May 6, 1919, Mr. Arthur T. Cort;
September 30, Mr. John Logan.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 27 1919, between Rev. Marvin F. Hogenboom and the Church at Adams;
February 3, between Rev. Elwood W. Middleton and the Church at Waddington.

Ordinations:
May 22, 1919, Arthur T. Cort;
May 27, Clarence H. Ford.

Installations:
February 14, 1919, Rev. Thomas R. Husk over Hope Church, Watertown;
February 21, Rev. Charles A. Riley over the Church at Theresa;
May 22, Rev. Arthur T. Cort over the Church at Cape Vincent;
May 27, Rev. Clarence M. Ford over the Church at Oxbow;
October 14, Rev. Fred O. Scurrah over the Church at Canton.

Ministers dismissed:
February 3, 1919, Rev. George T. Wood to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 14, Rev. Marvin F. Hogenboom to the Presbytery of Genesee;
September 15, 1919, Rev. Elwood W. Middleton to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and Rev. John M. Brockie to the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau.

Honorably retired:
September 30, 1919, Rev. David F. Giles.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of South Siam** consists of 15 ministers, 10 churches and has under its care three licentiates, 13 local evangelists and four candidates.

XXV. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of 24 mnisters, 25 churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
January 21, 1919, Rev. Elmer J. Stuart, from the Presbytery of Albany;
Rev. George Wilkinson, from the Presbytery of Geneva;
February 5, Rev. John Vaughn Axtell, from the Presbytery of Cleveland;
September 16, 1919, Rev. T. Markham Talmadge, from the Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery;
September 16, Rev. Cary E. Gregory, from the Concord Presbytery, U. S.

Taken under care of Presbytery:
September 16, 1919, Robert Hull.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

April 22, 1919, between Rev. Wm. H. Simmons and the Atlanta Church; between Rev. Walter S. Davison and the Church at Bath;

June 30, between J. Hudson Ballard, Ph.D., and the First Church, Hornell.

Installations:

January 28, 1919, Rev. Elmer J. Stuart over the Corning Church;

February 5, Rev. John V. Axtell over the Hammondsport Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 4, 1918, Rev. Wesley W. Cole to the Detroit Presbytery;

April 22, 1919, Rev. Walter S. Davison to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. Paul M. Hosler to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. Wm. H. Simmons to the Presbytery of Rochester.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of 41 ministers, 41 churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

December 9, 1918, Rev. John M. Van Tilberg from the Presbytery of Genesee;

April 14, 1919, Rev. George T. Wood from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

April 24, Rev. Leon S. Lacey from the Presbytery of Lyons;

September 26, Rev. Walter L. Bennett from the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association.

Licentiate received:

September 15, 1919, Albert C. Smith from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 14, 1919, between Rev. Ralph E. DeKay and the Church of Jamesville;

April 15, between Rev. David L. Roberts and the Church of Mexico;

September 16, between Rev. Frank C. McMaster and the Church of Pompey.

Ordination:

September 26, 1919, Albert C. Smith.

Installations:

January 21, 1919, Rev. John M. Van Tilberg over the Lafayette Church;

April 24, Rev. George T. Wood over the Westminster Church Syracuse;

May 1, Rev. Leon S. Lacey over the Amboy Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1919, Rev. Ralph E. DeKay to the Presbytery of Albany;

April 15, Rev. Charles S. Robertson to the Troy Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. David L. Roberts to the Presbytery of Geneva;

September 15, Rev. Albert J. Thomas to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Churches dissolved:

May 2, 1919, West Monroe and Quality Hill.

Church dropped from the roll:

May 2, 1919, Oneida Lake.

Minister deceased:

December 4, 1918, Rev. Charles James Howell at Amboy, N. Y., aged 63.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of 42 ministers and 35 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received:

November 21, 1918, Rev. Sarkis M. Albarian from the Suffolk North Association of Congregational ministers;

December 30, Rev. Harold C. Harmon from the Presbytery of Newark;

April 21, 1919, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen from the Presbytery of Albany;

September 15, Rev. George H. Feltus from the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 21, 1918, between the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., and the Caldwell Church at Lake George; between the Rev. S. K. Emurian and the Church at Fort Edward;

December 30, between the Rev. Joseph H. Odell, D.D., and the First Church of Troy;

April 21, 1919, between the Rev. Robert S. Wightman and the Church at Waterford.

Installations:

December 8, 1918, Rev. Sarkis M. Albarian over the Armenian Church, Troy;

January 16, 1919, Rev. Harold C. Harmon over the Church of Cambridge;

May 5, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen over the Church of Schaghticoke.

Ministers dismissed:

November 21, 1918, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. S. K. Emurian to the Presbytery of Norfolk;

April 21, 1919, Rev. Arthur H. Allen to the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate taken under care:

December 30, 1918, Horace E. Hoover.

Licentiates received:

September 16, 1919, Thomas D. Carey from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of 48 ministers, 44 churches, and has under its care eight candidates.

Ministers received:

October 1, 1918, Rev. Clarence B. Post from the Presbytery of Genesee;

May 14, 1919, Rev. Edward D. Barnes, from the Presbytery of Zanesville; Rev. William T. Eaton from the Presbytery of Champlain;

June 14, Rev. Thomas Watkins, from the Baptist Church;

July 22, Rev. Andrew I. Kenner from the Presbytery of Mahoning; Rev. John R. Ellis from the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Candidate received:

September 30, 1919, Stanley M. Congdon.

Candidate licensed:

October 1, 1918, William J. DuBordieu.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
October 1, 1918, between Rev. Calvin H. French and the Ilion Church;
December 16, between Rev. Elmer J. Rusesll and the Lowville Church;
January 13, 1919, between Rev. Charles L. Luther and the Verona Church;
June 14, between Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D., and the First Church, Utica; between Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp and the Old Forge Church;
September 30, between Rev. Mills S. Grimes and the Lyon's Falls Church.

Ordination:
October 1, 1918, William J. DuBordieu.

Installation:
May 14, 1919, Rev. Edward D. Barnes, over the Ilion Church.

Ministers dismissed:
October 1, 1918, Rev. Calvin H. French to the Presbytery of Albany;
December 16, Rev. Elmer J. Russell to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
January 13, 1919, Rev. Charles L. Luther to the Presbytery of Parkersburg;
April 15, Rev. Merritt J. Congdon to the Presbytery of Albany;
June 14, Rev. David C. Davies to the Presbytery of Otsego;
September 30, Rev. William J. DuBordieu to the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. Thomas Watkins to the Presbytery of Marion.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of sixty-seven ministers, thirty-five churches and has under its care two licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:
January 21, 1919, Rev. Samuel K. Piercy from the Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. A. Murray Porter from the Presbytery of Halifax of the Canadian Presbyterian Church
March 17, Rev. Herbert Barber Howe from the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers;
April 21, Rev. Samuel G. Palmer from the Presbytery of Lehigh;
June 11, Rev. Ernest J. Houghton from the Presbytery of Chicago, and the Rev. Abraham Tamraz from the Presbytery of Urumiah.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 16, 1918, between the Rev. Walter L. Steiner and the Mt. Kisco Church;
January 21, 1919, between the Rev. Thomas Morgan and the Pleasantville Church, and the Rev. Aubrey C. Ross and the Bedford Church;
April 22, between the Rev. William Arthur Thomas and the South Salem Church.

Installations:
November 6, 1918, Rev. Charles G. Sewall over the Rye Church;
January 28, 1919, Rev. A. Murray Porter over the South Yonkers Church;
January 30, Rev. Samuel K. Piercy over the White Plains Church;
May 7, Rev. Lester H. Bent over the Pleasantville Church;
June 24, Rev. Ernest J. Houghton over the Bryn Mawr Park Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 16, 1918, Rev. E. Munro Dill to the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau;

January 21, 1919, Rev. Albert F. Pierce, D.D., to the Suffolk South Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Boston, Mass.;

June 17, Rev. William Arthur Thomas to the Presbytery of Beaver;

September 15, Rev. A. Raymond Echels to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Ministers deceased:

October 28, 1918, at Fordham, N. Y., Rev. Irving E. White, aged 68 years.

July 7, 1919, at Mahopac Falls, N. Y., Rev. Thomas C. Mackay, aged 65 years.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1259	Licentiates and local evangelists	83
Churches	925	Candidates	110

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS

Albany. Rev. Charles McKenzie, D.D., Stated Clerk.

Chemung. Rev. William H. Chapman, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Genesee. Rev. Frank G. Weeks, Stated Clerk.

Porto Rico, Rev. J. L. Santiago-Cabrera, Sabanda Grande, Stated Clerk.

Steuben. Rev. Hugh R. Magill, M.D., Stated Clerk.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. A. R. Olney, Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Miss Mary Green, Mrs. A. S. Brandow, Mrs. John H. Finley, Mrs. Lewis A. James, Mrs. Charles G. Sewall, Mrs. Charles A. Richmond.

Binghamton—Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mrs. George Fish, Mrs. Carl W. Scovel, Mrs. Franklin Putnam.

Brooklyn-Nassau—Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Robert J. McGay, Miss Louise Williams, Mrs. T. W. Smith, Miss Amelia Bladenburg.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Kate E. Putnam, Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, Mrs. Sidney McDougall, Mrs. Charles J. North, Mrs. Charles E. Rhodes.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Manro, Mrs. A. M. Dulles, Mrs. James Seymour.

Champlain—Mrs H. C. Cavanaugh, Mrs. R. N. Porter, Mrs. J. H. Hallock, Mrs. F. N. Koch, Mrs. Robert Beston.

Chemung—Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier, Mrs. N. L. Beardsley, Mrs. James A. Miller, Mrs. T. Van Allen, Mrs. H. S. Harris.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Henderson, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. C. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. W. E. Prentice.

Geneva—Mrs. L. L. Van Slyke, Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, Mrs. B. J. Kime, Miss Margaret Parrish.

Hudson—Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis S. Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Robert O. Kirkwood.

Long Island—Mrs. Emily C. Hedges, Mrs. Charles E. Craven, Mrs. H. M. Howell, Miss Sallie Foster.

Lyons—Mrs. S. S. Peirson, Mrs. Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, E. B. Elliott, Mrs. D. B. McMurdy.

New York—Mrs. Clarke Tillinghast, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Henry C. Smith, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. James Yereance, Mrs. James M. Gifford, Mrs. James E. Ware, Mrs. S. M. Ballard.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. C. N. Preston, Mrs. Edward F. Carey.

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Hector Cowan.

Rochester—Mrs. E. A. Webster, Miss A. C. Barton, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. H. M. Gilt, Mrs. F. J. Woodworth, Mrs. A. E. Brigden.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson.

Steuben—Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. A. E. Hudson, Mrs. E. L. Torbert, Mrs. F. G. Sauber, Mrs. A. J. Abeel.

Troy—Mrs. Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Wm. E. Marden, Miss May A. Philip, Mrs. H. J. McCune, Mrs. Thomas D. Elder, Mrs. John W. Ford, Mrs. J. E. Anthony.

Utica—Miss Isabel M. Terrett, Mrs. J. D. Frederickson, Mrs. B. E. Tilton.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Mrs. Marilla C. Foster, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Mrs. William G. Arnold, Mrs. Orson N. Sloat, Mrs. Charles Broas.

IV. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

President—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms Expiring in 1920—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Terms Expiring in 1921—Rev. Francis S. Haines, Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach, William Thomson, Frederick B. Post.

Terms Expiring in 1922—Rev. Robert Watson, D.D., Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., William J Gilchrist, William H. Seward.

Ex-Officio—Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devices, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the Trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*Samuel Jessup, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	*Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	*Joseph Gamble. D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	*A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	*William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D.	North River	Albany

*Deceased

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1903.	*William M. Johnson, D.D	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	*Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D.	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D.	NewYork	Lockport
1907.	*Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D.	Brooklyn	Kingston
1909.	*Willis J. Beecher, D.D.	Cayuga	Johnstown
1910.	James Robertson	St. Lawrence	Rochester
1911.	Martin D. Kneeland, D.D	Boston	Auburn
1912.	Henry Ward, D.D.	Buffalo	Gouverneur
1913.	E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D.	Hudson	Auburn
1914.	Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D	Syracuse	Middletown
1915.	Arthur Newman	Long Island	Batavia
1916.	Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D	New York	Newburgh
1917.	Allen M. Dulles, D.D	Cayuga	Watertown
1918.	No Meeting.		
1919.	Alexander Alison, D.D.	North River	Rome

*Deceased.

VI. STANDING RULES

I

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting: a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such temporary clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim* a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness absence or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall, in like manner be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of Special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV

Each Presbytery shall at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together, is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half. Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk, of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

In order to the parliamentary constitution of the annual meeting of Synod immediately after the opening of Synod, and preceding the election of officers, the roll be announced as certified to by the enrollment Committee, a printed list of all delegates and alternates be placed in the hands of every delegate.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating

them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their postoffice addresses.

VII

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
7. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
8. On the records of the several Presbyteries.
9. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
10. In every year of even numbers a Committee to niomnate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Religious Education; II. Men's Work; III. Foreign Missions; IV. Education; V. Church Erection; VI. Ministerial Relief; VII. Missions to Freedmen; VIII. Temperance; IX. Sabbath Observance; such permanent committees consists each of three ministers and two ruling elders.

X

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be chairman *ex-officio*, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of the Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII

For each session of Synod a list in chronological order of all ministers who have died during the ecclesiastical year shall be prepared by the Stated Clerk from information given by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries; this list shall be read by him immediately after the roll call on the morning of the second day of the session of Synod, and the Synod standing shall thereupon be led in prayer by the Moderator.

XVIII

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder, and to the Session of each vacant church, within

the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

XIX

(1) All committees of Synod shall report in writing, and all reports of Permanent Committees and of Special Committees appointed at one meeting of Synod, to report at a later meeting, shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, at least twenty days before the annual meeting of Synod; such reports shall be printed by the Stated Clerk in a Blue Book, to be ready at the place of meeting six hours before the meeting, and distributed to the delegates as they enroll; such reports shall not be read on the Floor of Synod unless ordered by Synod and shall be abstracted and not printed in full in the minutes; the action of Synod thereon to be printed and such abstracts therefrom as may be necessary to show the action of Synod.

(2) The Committee on Synodical Missions shall print its own report as Part II of the Blue Book and have the same in the hands of the Stated Clerk for distribution at the time and manner above provided as to the Blue Book.

The clerk shall furnish to each delegate on his enrollment a uniform card to be filled up by him and delivered to the clerks, which shall state his name, name of his Presbytery, the day of his enrollment and such other information as to the clerks may be convenient. Such cards shall constitute a duplicate roll for use of the clerks and of Synod.

The roll shall not be called during meetings of Synod, except only the final roll call, unless Synod shall otherwise direct.

VII. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Arrangements—Rev. John J. Lawrence, D.D.
2. Next Place of Meeting—Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D.
3. New Era Movement—Rev. John L. Caughey, D.D.

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education. *Ministers*—Nevin S. Bartholomew, William H. Boocock, Herbert H. Field; *Elders*—E. A. Rogers, George A. Staley.

2. Foreign Missions. *Ministers*—Charles McKenzie, Paul Hickok, William H. Hopkins; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, Paul Cook.

3. Church Erection. *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; *Elders*—Edwin W. Rowley, Clarence G. Seward.

4. Education. *Ministers*—John M. MacInnes, Theodore M. Carlisle, Samuel F. Franklin; *Elders*—John M. Finley, O. M. Edwards.

5. Ministerial Relief. *Ministers*—L. O. Rotenbach, John G. Truair, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elders*—Robert Cluett, W. Edward Ibbotson.

6. Freedmen. *Ministers*—James A. Pratt, William Hansom, J. W. Babbitt; *Elders*—R. E. Wilcox, W. W. Smith.

7. Men's Work. *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, Peter McKenzie, T. J. Bolger; *Elders*—Lucius L. Van Slyke, George B. Ament.

8. Temperance. *Ministers*—Charles G. Ellis, H. H. Barstow, H. B. Fraser; *Elders*—W. T. Couper, B. P. Wayne.

9. Sabbath Observance. *Ministers*—Alexander Alison, Duncan J. McMillan, Robert Watson; *Elders*—J. G. Stephenson, James B. Murray.

10. Executive Commission. *Ministers*—Alexander Alison, David G. Wylie, William J. Cumming, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, Charles W. Seymour.

11. Synodical Missions. *Elders*—Geo. P. Conard, D. C. Hurd, W. T. Couper, E. F. Perry, W. S. Bennet, C. H. Anthony; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George S. Webster, J. Howard Hobbs, Charles G. Ellis, H. G. Mendenhall, A. M. Dulles, V. L. Mackey.

IX. SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS

Received December 15, 1919

The regular order of our work was interrupted last fall by the epidemic of influenza, which made it impossible to hold the October meeting of the Permanent Committee. The Executive Committee met however, and presented its report with recommendations to the Executive Commission of the Synod, which approved our plans, as per minutes. There has been therefore but one meeting of the Permanent Committee during the year. This meeting was held at Auburn, in April, and adopted a budget for the coming year which will be presented in its proper place.

In almost every section of the state, the churches were closed for a period of a month or more on account of the influenza epidemic. There were many losses of members in our Home Mission churches, but very few among the ministers. Reports, however, regularly mention the fact that the churches were closed and the difficulty of getting the people together at the reopening time. One would naturally expect that there would be a large loss of financial support, but it appears that the churches have prospered financially as well as during normal years.

Our benevolence report, at any rate, will show a larger total than ever heretofore, and it is probable that a similar report will appear in the contributions for local work.

Our field force has not been up to its regular strength. Mr. Allen was on leave of absence, Mr. Huntington in Syria, Mr. Dean in France, and for three months of the year the Synodical Superintendent was dividing his time with the Brooklyn Church Extension Board. At the same time the New Era Movement was projected. A statement of the Synod's need of Home Mission funds was required. A survey for the discovery of this need engaged your Superintendent for a number of weeks during the late Fall. We were also pledged to the Board of Home Missions for assistance in financial campaigns. The Superintendent and

Mr. Maddox assisted the Board. The results appear in the increasing contributions. (See Table). No small credit for these increases is due to the untiring work of the Board's representative, the Rev. John B. Kelly.

With the success of the New Era Movement and the fact that it has taken over work that we have attempted to do in the past—the development of the Every Member plan, the campaigns for increased Home Mission offerings and the oversight of evangelistic effort—the fact that all these have been taken over by the New Era Movement will relieve us of much administrative and propaganda work, and give our Synodical force the opportunity to develop a program of more effective missionary work through the State.

There are many and wholly unnecessary duplications of the work in some of our communities, and these are not alone in the country, but in villages and cities as well. With good roads that obtain in most sections of the State, together with the rapid transportation facilities of our times, it seems quite unnecessary to maintain churches and ministers so near to their parishioners as back in the days of our fathers. Let the churches and the missionary authorities invest in automobiles if necessary, but let us seek to have a real field for the ministers whom we invite to take the oversight of our churches.

There is a serious and wholly unnecessary delay in the settlement both of our churches and our ministers. It may seem a small thing to a church to be without a pastor for a month or six months. Indeed some of them seem to enjoy the experience of hearing candidates, expecially when they are paying about half the amount they are accustomed to pay a pastor. It is however a very serious matter with the minister. His salary does not permit him to save anything. He cannot leave one field until he has arrangements for entering another. The results are: either he remains on a field when he knows he should go, or he resigns with the prospect of six or eight months' waiting. This he cannot afford. Mr. Lloyd George speaks of the misery that comes to workers thru the "vicissitudes of unemployment." To this sentiment many a minister in the Synod of New York can respond with a hearty, or at any rate a heartfelt, Amen.

Perhaps the way to solve this difficulty may be suggested in the action of our committee at its April meeting, when at the request of the Otsego Presbytery a secretary was authorized to work among the churches and ministers, both to the end that he may guard against vacancies and that the ministers may be encouraged and assisted. Binghamton and Otsego Presbyteries combined for such service and the Rev. A. M. Forrester was engaged. Mr. Forrester works under a joint committee of the two presbyteries. His work is both of a Home Missions and a New Era nature, your committee and the New Era Movement sharing half and half in his salary and expenses. We shall ask your approval of this arrangement.

The Educational Department of the Board of Home Missions has been reorganized, and is proceeding on the assumption that the purpose of the Board is "to make America Christian for the friendly service of the world."

The immediate tasks upon which the Educational Department is working are:

1. The recruiting of men for the Home Mission field on the basis of a seven-year period of service at a minimum initial salary of $1,800,00 a year and manse or its equivalent. The seventh year of each period of service is to be devoted to study, survey work, lecturing, writing and other work in the service of the Board.

2. Providing new and interesting literature concerning the work of the missionaries in the various specialized fields of service.

3. Securing new and revised lantern slide lectures. Fifteen of such lectures have been prepared, all with colored slides.

4. Promoting schools of missions and educational work along Home Mission lines in Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations.

The Educational Department hopes that ministers and officers of Presbyterian Churches in general will make use of its services.

With the conclusion of the old order, or perhaps we might say, the Old Era in the conduct of our work, it is proper that we make some comparisons in the contributions of the Synod to Home Mission work, since the present plan came into operation.

We have been asking for Sunday School offerings for certain purposes. A comparison of Sunday School offerings for the past four years is as below:

1914–15	1915–16	1916–17	1917–18	1918–19
$2,638.99	$4,744.10	$5,302.13	$5,900.30	$7,523.04

The growth is gratifying.

Below is a table showing the offerings of the presbyteries together with the totals for the years since we entered the present arrangement with the Board of Home Missions:

Presbytery	1915–16	1916–17	1917–18	1918–19	Difference Last yr.	Difference In 4 yrs
Albany	$2,299.20	$2,266.55	$ 3,218.29	$2,871.00	$—347.29	$ 571.80
Binghamton	3,040.44	3,169.31	2,945.70	5,152.92	2,207.22	2,112.48
Brooklyn-Nassau	15,352.56	11,519.90	12,863.95	13,165.67	301.72	—2,186.89
Buffalo	5,834.71	5,885.61	5,835.72	5,980.92	145.20	146.21
Cayuga	3,491.20	2,746.81	3,020.31	3,321.17	300.86	—170.03
Champlain	988.69	1,023.47	1,278.18	2,158.07	879.89	1,169.38
Chemung	1,356.23	1,185.32	2,039.32	1,640.02	—399.30	303.79
Columbia	780.45	616.62	905.86	924.74	18.88	144.29
Genesee	1,101.75	1,061.89	1,038.43	1,172.88	134.45	71.13
Geneva	2,331.75	2,463.53	2,565.28	1,628.97	— 1,136.31	—702.78
Hudson	2,276.32	2,283.67	3,610.11	3,050.50	—559.61	774.18
Long Island	1,599.84	1,526.67	1,893.83	1,704.59	— 189.24	104.75
Lyons	1,267.79	1,168.42	1,450.13	1,473.31	23.18	205.52
New York	40,433.72	35,270.23	38,789.64	49,059.15	10,269.51	8,625.43
Niagara	872.62	907.96	1,344.24	2,269.85	925.61	1,397.23
North River	2,193.08	2,562.16	2,115.77	3,878.70	1,762.93	1,685.62
Otsego	903.35	976.82	1,206.67	1,919.39	712.72	1,016.04
Rochester	5,233.33	6,058.21	9,044.27	7,860.31	— 1,183.86	2,626.98
St. Lawrence	3,288.12	2,993.33	3,396.78	3,460.56	63.78	172.44
Steuben	1,587.67	1,704.53	1,862.02	1,929.28	67.26	341.67
Syracuse	3,200.02	3,473.11	2,543.94	4,848.03	2,304.09	1,648.01
Troy	2,457.86	2,391.49	2,458.63	3,701.66	243.03	1,243.80
Utica	3,912.03	4,525.10	5,445.06	5,084.02	—361.04	1,171.99
Westchester	4,917.91	5,235.11	5,328.97	9,055.17	3,726.20	4,137.26
Synod of N. Y.		1,200.00	1,426.00	1,326.00	—100.00	1,326.00
	$110,720.64	$104,271.82	$117,656.20	$138,379.88	$ 20,723.68	$27,659.24

It should be noted also that very considerable increase in local Home Mission contributions have been gathered in the presbyteries of Albany, Brooklyn-Nassau and Buffalo, in addition to those set out above.

It would appear therefore that there has been constant development all along the line with the exception of one year when for certain easily explained reasons the contributions were lower.

The Synodical Superintendent represented the Synod of New York at the meeting of the Home Missions Council at St. Louis, certain findings of which we are presenting herewith:

> The Council rejoices in the liberal response of the churches to the appeal for increased gifts last year, and commends the Board for its management of the campaign in the face of the two-fold handicap of the influenza epidemic and the publicity of the New Era Movement. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Board completed the year with a handsome surplus, thus materially reducing the debt accumulated during the past few years.
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> The Council approved the action of the Board to meet the increased cost of living in raising the standard of Home Mission support by sharing with the local congregations a definite proportion of the added amounts.
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> The Council reiterates its expression of previous years: "It should be the policy of the Board to maintain, in each of the cooperating Synods, a field force sufficient to adequately perform the Home Mission task." In view of the splendid returns from the New Era Drive, the Council urges the Board to provide, in Synods where reductions had to be made, for at least the same number of field men as were at work last year, if the Synods concerned so request.
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> The Council gave hearty endorsement to the worth of the conference between representatives of self-supporting synods and the Board, in which definite Home Mission goals were erected for City and Industrial Communities, for Rural Communities and for a Survey of the Home Mission tasks. Closer relations among self-supporting synods and with the Board are greatly needed, and the continuation of these conferences will contribute largely toward this end. A committee was appointed to confer with the Board on this matter, and to give consideration to a plan for a more comprehensive exhibit of the Home Mission work of the Church.

The policy of the Synodical organization in the matter of vacancy and supply is to cooperate just so far as the presbyteries request, but not in any event to interfere with the work of the Assembly's Vacancy and Supply Committee. There have come to us numerous requests, and we have sought to help as we were able, but the office of the Synodical Superintendent has not equipped itself or made an effort to keep such a list of ministers and vacancies as is in the Columbus office, it being our feeling that such action might appear to be an effort to take from the Assembly's Committee work which properly belongs to it. The entire organization of the Vacancy and Supply Plan looks toward Columbus. Therefore, while we have assisted in the settlement of many churches, we have made every possible

effort to guard against interfering with the smooth working of the Assembly's Committee, and its general plan.

The provision of ministers with automobiles for use on the good roads through our State ought to result in the union of many churches of our own denomination. One such union has resulted during the summer in two churches, seven miles apart, both having a morning church service, and the minister writes that he was late but once during the summer, and that for only a few minutes due to tire trouble. We have many churches three or four miles apart with a good road connecting them where the service could be held in one at half-past ten o'clock and in the other at 12 o'clock without any real inconvenience to the churches. This suggestion should receive consideration by the presbyteries and the churches.

A financial statement of the expenditures for the various departments in comparison with the appropriation made by the Synod last year appears below:

	Budgets	*Expended*	*Balance*
Commissions	$39,000.00	$33,406.93	$ 5,593.07
Adirondack Work	5,500.00	6,186.04	—686.04
Administration	1,850.00	1,688.19	161.81
Church Extension	3,000.00	2,544.96	455.04
Emergency Fund	2,500.00	75.00	2,425.00
Foreign Department	1,500.00	1,169.22	330.78
Publicity	400.00	119.00	281.00
Synodical Superintendent	4,250.00	4,293.32	—43.32
	$58,000.00	$49,482.66	$8,517.34

It will be noted that the budget covered the expenditures of all the departments except those of the Adirondack Work and the Synodical Superintendent. There was a balance of $8,517.34. We are accustomed regularly to turn back to the Board of Home Missions any surplus. In view of added expense for salaries and general work projected by the Committee we are asking the Board of Home Missions to carry this balance to our account for the coming year, so that we shall have this amount to draw upon in addition to the budget adopted by the Committee in April.

The appropriations authorized by the Permanent Committee at the April meeting, and filed with the Board, are as follows:

	1916–17	1917–18	1918–19	1919–20
For Workers Commissioned by Presbyteries	$38,000.00	$40,000.00	$39,000.00	$42,000.00
For Workers Commissioned by Synod				
Synodical Superintendent	4,500.00	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,500.00
Foreign Work	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
Adirondack Work	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Church Extension	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Administration Expenses	1,850.00	2,100.00	1,850.00	2,200.00
Publicity	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Emergency	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	7,500.00
	$60,800.00	$60,800.00	$58,050.00	$71,300.00

It is the policy of your Committee to cooperate as closely as possible with the New Era Movement in its work thruout the Synod. We have already made an arrangement as noted above in the case of the presbyteries of Binghamton and Otsego. It is possible that similar arrangements may be made in other presbyteries where desired.

The Assembly has endorsed the InterChurch World Movement and directed the New Era Movement to contribute toward the support of its work. Our Home Board and Foreign Board are pioneers in this movement, and this Committee will expect to cooperate, especially in the matter of the survey looking toward the Home Mission budget and program.

Mr. Huntington has resigned his connection with our Synodical force that he may direct the survey of the rural communities of the state. Your chairman received a request from the InterChurch office, asking that the Superintendent be loaned for the purpose of directing the survey of the cities of New York and New Jersey. After correspondence with the members of the Permanent Committee and receiving nothing but favorable replies, an arrangement was entered into whereby the InterChurch organization would provide an assistant for the Superintendent as well as meet the other expenses incidental to the enlargement of his office, so that he might undertake this survey. This arrangement was made with the expectation that Mr. Mackey's work as Superintendent would not suffer. He has been able to secure as his assistant, to promote the work of the Superintendent and the work of the survey, the Rev. John Bailey Kelly, of the Home Mission Board Force. We shall ask you to endorse this action. We shall also ask you to accept the resignation of Mr. Huntington.

With the limitations that have been laid upon our force during the year we have not been in position to stress the work for foreign people as it deserves.

We are continuing the Italian work in Schenectady under the leadership of Mr. Neyroz. A deaconess also is supported by the First Presbyterian Church. The outstanding feature of this work is the varied and wide acquaintance of Mr. Neyroz with the Italians of the City, the close supervision that is being given to the work by a strong Committee of Presbyterians, and the interest shown in a Daily Vacation Bible School which was conducted for six weeks. Having planned for about 30 pupils the management was swamped with some 150 to 200 who sought to attend. We are confident that another year will see a very much larger Daily Vacation Bible School in Schenectady.

A very substantial Italian work is doing in Endicott under the direction of Mr. Carlucci, who also assists in the mission at Binghamton where Mrs. Brooks is directing the work. At Endicott the work is of such a substantial character that the Endicott Johnson Company have contributed to its support, and a lot has been secured with the hope of a building in the near future.

Brooklyn Presbytery centers its work in four or five points, and a large opportunity seems to be developing in the neighborhood of the Mount Olivet Church among the Italians of that community. Here also a building and staff equipment are necessary. In Brooklyn Presbytery a Jewish Mission, known as the East New York Neighborhood House, is working up to the limits of its possibilities, both as to quarters and workers. It is rather heart-breaking to look at the oppor-

tunity that there is for work in such a section as this, and be reminded that one or two workers are all that the church seems able to provide for this immense company of Hebrews, not a few of whom are ready to hear the Gospel.

Under the wise supervision of Dr. Nicolls and the excellent leadership of Mr. Giordano, the Italian work at Auburn seems to have settled to good substantial work. There is an average attendance at services of 43, at Sunday School, 53. Young People's meeting 23. A strong Scout troop, also an athletic and social club of young men are some of the activities which engaged the Auburn Mission, together with the boys' and girls' classes.

Hudson Presbytery is continuing its work at Middletown and Nyack for the Italians. Dr. Wight has returned from his service in France, and brings back his keen interest for the Italian brrthren. The removal of Mr. Neyroz to Schenectady caused the work at Middletown to suffer somewhat, but it is hoped that the present year will see it flourishing as formerly.

In Rochester the work of Mr. Salastin among the Ukrainians has developed to a point where he reports a considerable number of members and a constant and deep interest in the work.

Utica Presbytery has its mission for the Italians in Rome which has been conducted thru the year by Mr. Biagio Isgro, a student of Colgate College. The Rev. Mr. Perrotta of Utica, who is in charge of the Baptist mission for the Italians there, has given no little assistance to our work at Rome, and our Committee takes this opportunity to expressing our appreciation of his service.

The table printed in the Appendix to this report shows the wide work that is being done for foreign people by the Synod. And yet, however large it may be it is a mere bagatelle compared with what could be done and should be done by our great Synod for the newcomers in our state.

The lumber camp work has been conducted with a full force thruout the year. During the period of the war, the workers were largely of the unskilled and foreign class. Now, Mr. Maddox reports, a better class of working men are returning. The prohibition of liquor, or rather the change in the strength of the drink that is sold, is showing its effect upon the men. It is hoped that with the coming of complete prohibition there will be better times for the Lumber Jacks.

During the year, aside from the Secretary Mr. Maddox, Mr. Mason, Mr. Atwood, Mr. Logan and Mr. McKichan have been regularly at work. Mr. Reed returned to the Mission the first of April, and has been there thru the month of September. On the advice of the Secretary and the Superintendent he has withdrawn from the work to enter Union College, and there is therefore a vacancy in the force which we hope may be supplied during the coming year.

The Superintendent and Secretary Maddox met with representatives from the presbyteries of Utica, Champlain, and St. Lawrence to discuss the general interest of the Adirondack field. The following action was taken:

1. That we request each presbytery having interest in the Adirondack Lumber Camp work, to appoint one of its members, who with Mr. Maddox will serve as a Committee on Adirondack Work. This Committee will be expected to take up and consider any changes in the present plan of work, meet with and advise the Secre-

tary from time to time as to the conduct of the work, and receive a report which can be passed on to the presbyteries at least once each year, so that they may be fully advised as to the nature and extent of the work of the Lumber Camp Mission.

II. In view of the InterChurch World Movement Survey, it is the judgment of the representatives that the presbyteries should offer to provide such religious services for the unchurched portion of the Adirondack field as the InterChurch Committees judge will be adequate for the religious needs of these communities.

III. The unification of the entire work in the Adirondacks seems not to be feasible, but it is the judgment of the Committee that we should recommend to the Synod's Committee that the services of Mr. Maddoz, in cooperation with the Committee proposed above, should be offered to the presbyteries for such supervision of churches and preaching stations within the bounds of the respective presbyteries as in their judgment would be of the best service to their work.

There is little to report in the matter of church extension, except that Mr. Dean after his absence of about a year, returned to this country and to his work in August. He has been employed at Old Forge and in certain congregations in the Presbytery of St. Lawrence up to the present time.

Mr. McFarland spent the greater part of the year at Westminster Church, Hornell. We were able to scure a minister to enter the pulpit the Sunday after Mr. McFarland withdrew, and there come to us very excellent reports both of Mr. McFarland's work and of the church since his withdrawal. During the months of August and September he has been engaged in Hillsdale in the Presbytery of Columbia. During the month of October he is to begin work in the Presbytery of Binghamton

On the instruction of the Committee at its meeting in April, the Superintendent engaged a secretary for the work in the Presbytery of Otsego, and took the liberty of combining that work with similar work in the Presbytery of Binghamton, and the further liberty of combining this with the New Era work—all with the advice of the chairman and the presbyteries concerned. The Rev. A. M. Forrester of Otsego Presbytery was engaged as Secretary, and began his work the first of September. He thus becomes a member of the Church Extension force. The New Era Committee divides his service expense on a half and half basis.

Our plans for the coming year are to conduct our departments as vigorously as possible, but we shall not undertake new work until the survey of the InterChurch World Movement shall have been made. On account of the work which will engage us there, no definite program can be made, except that we continue the work that we are doing with all possible vigor.

Our general recommendations are:

First, that presbyteries give their very closest supervision to all Home Mission work within their bounds and especially if it be work among foreign people.

Our second recommendation is that we must continue by every possible effort to combine the work in the small fields, that ministers may have somewhere near an adequate support, and to this end the authority of prebyteries must be exercised wherever necessary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. P. Conard, *Chairman*

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